

NPI: Real-Time Adaptive Entry Guidance

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➤ Trajectory computation

- Parametric sensitivity analysis of nonlinear programs (offline)
- Fast solution approximation (online)
- Repeated online trajectory computation
- Region of convergence

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- Feedback linearization
- Drag energy dynamics

➤ Guidance system overview

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- Perturbed environment
- Guidance performance results

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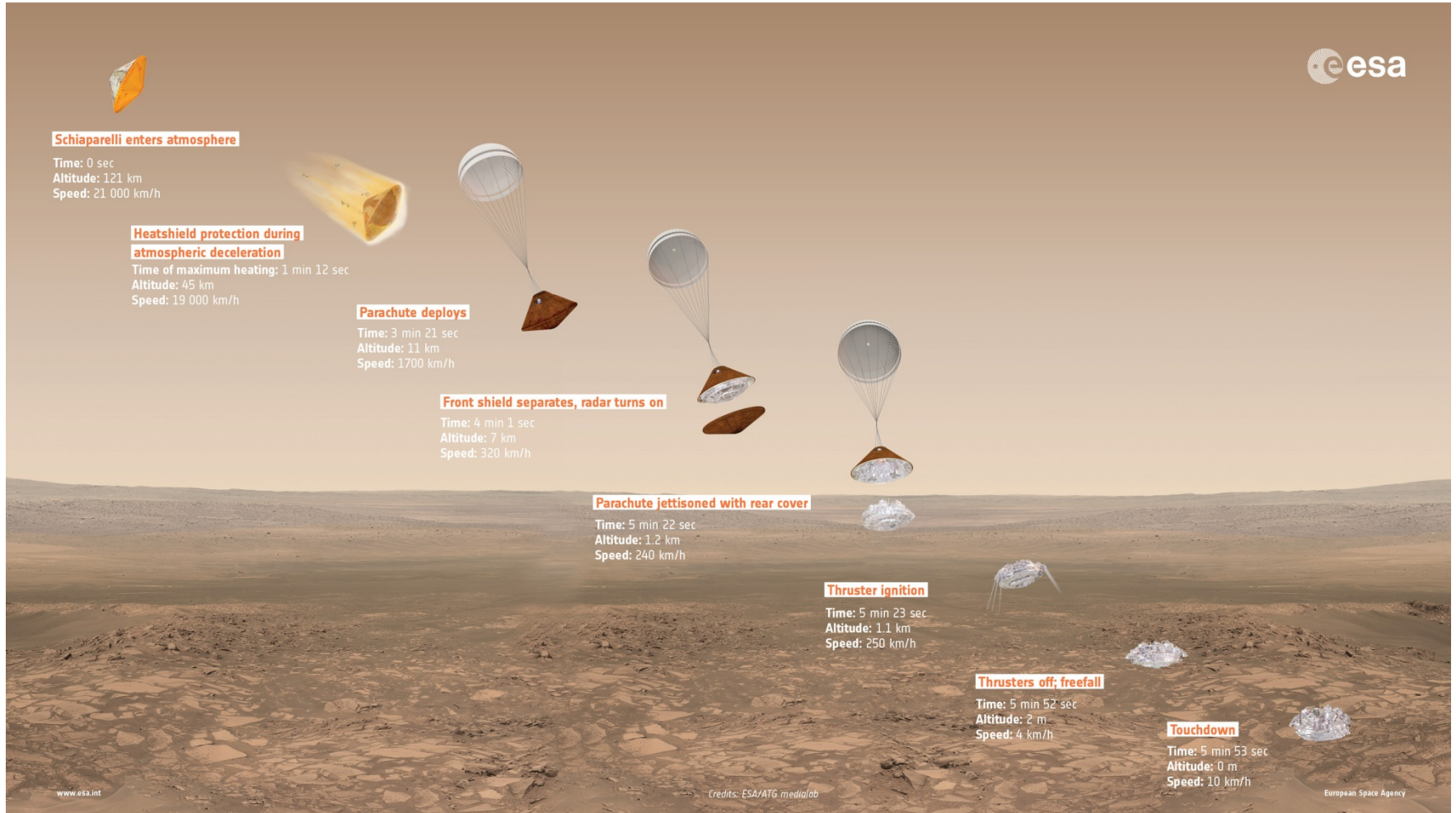


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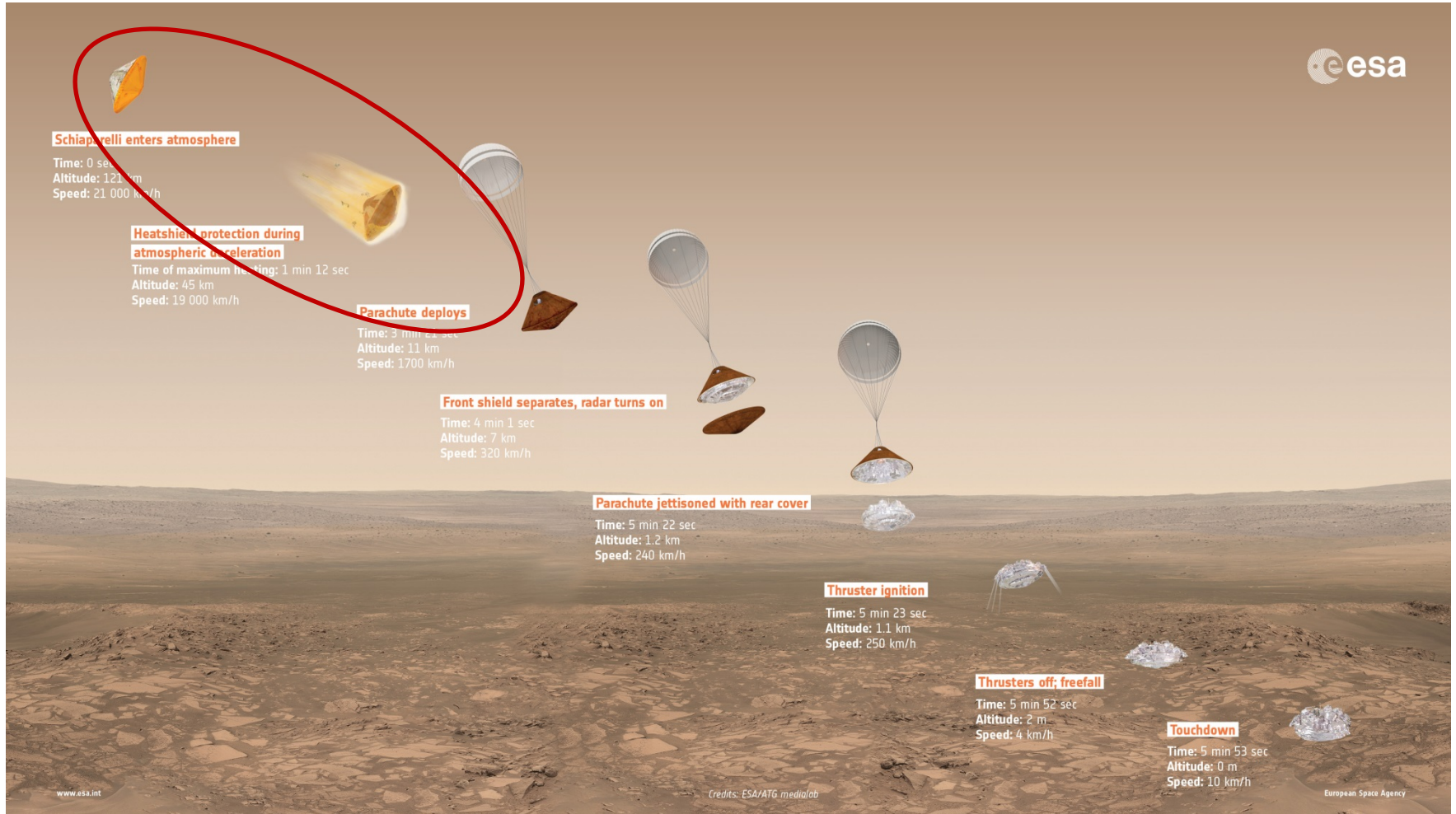


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Guidance Task

Find an **admissible control sequence** that steers the vehicle on a **feasible trajectory** from the current state to the desired terminal state.

Problem: Nonlinear dynamic system with state and control constraints



Req.: Planning of the control sequence and state trajectory over the entire future path



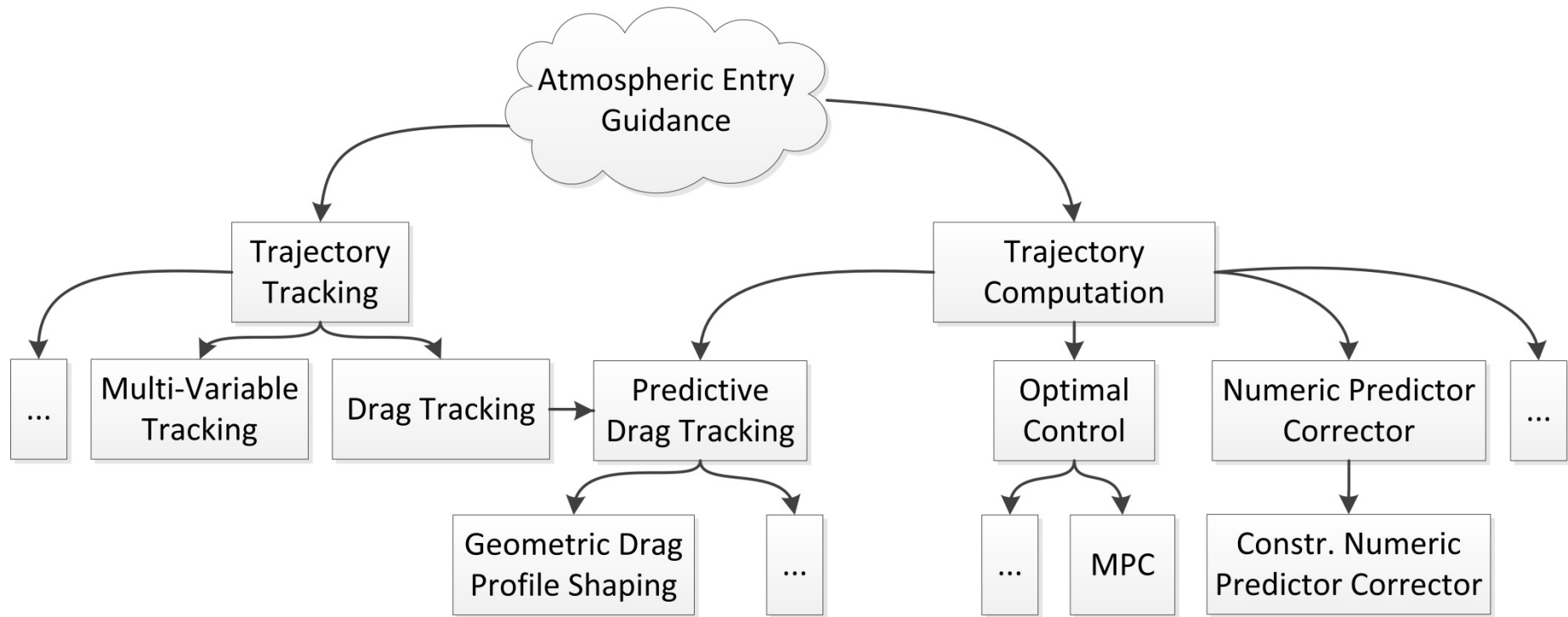
Req.: Mathematical model

Challenges:

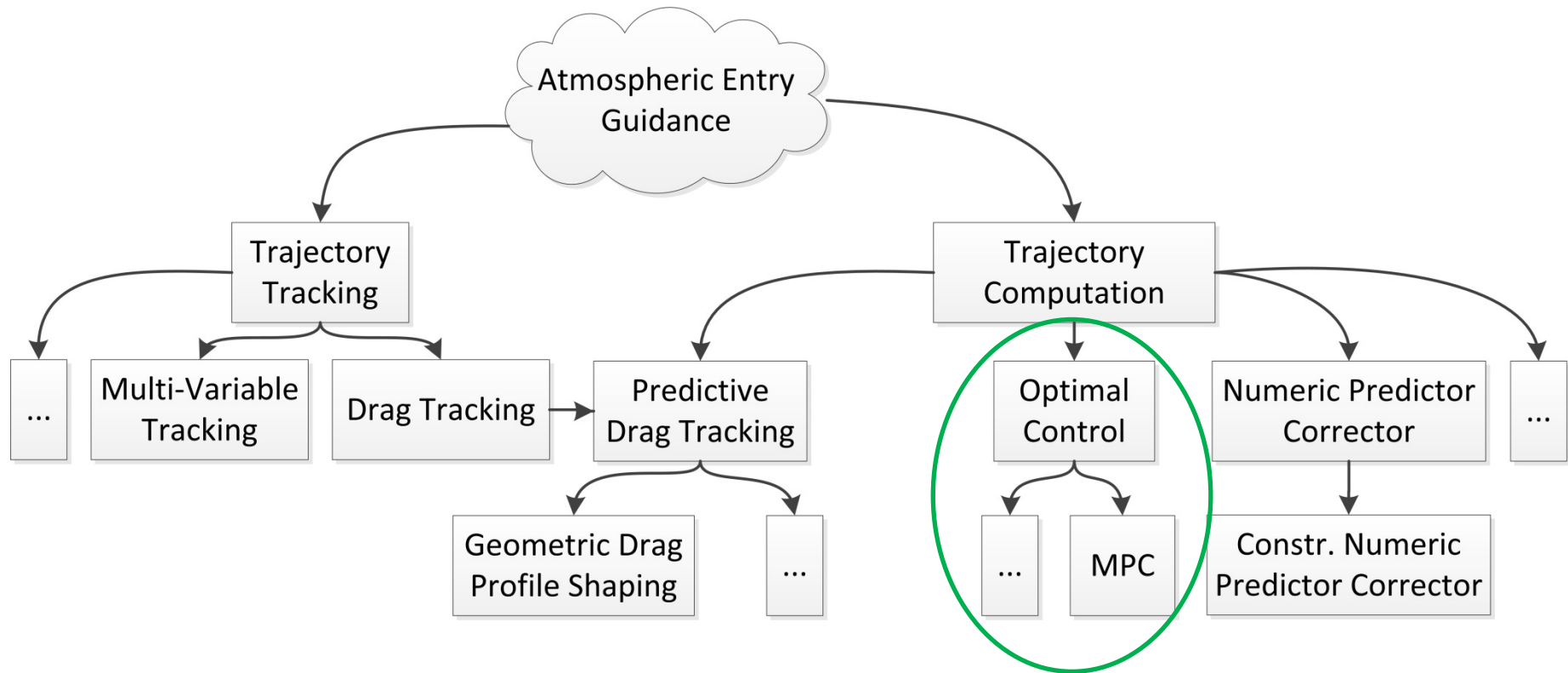
1. Constrained nonconvex optimization problem
2. High computational power demand
3. Model dependency



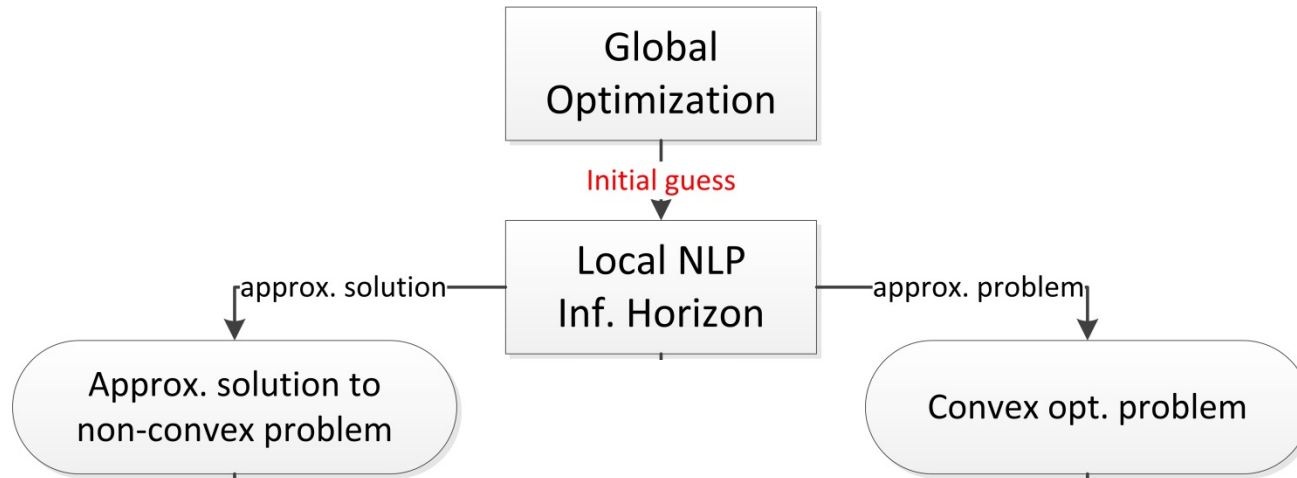
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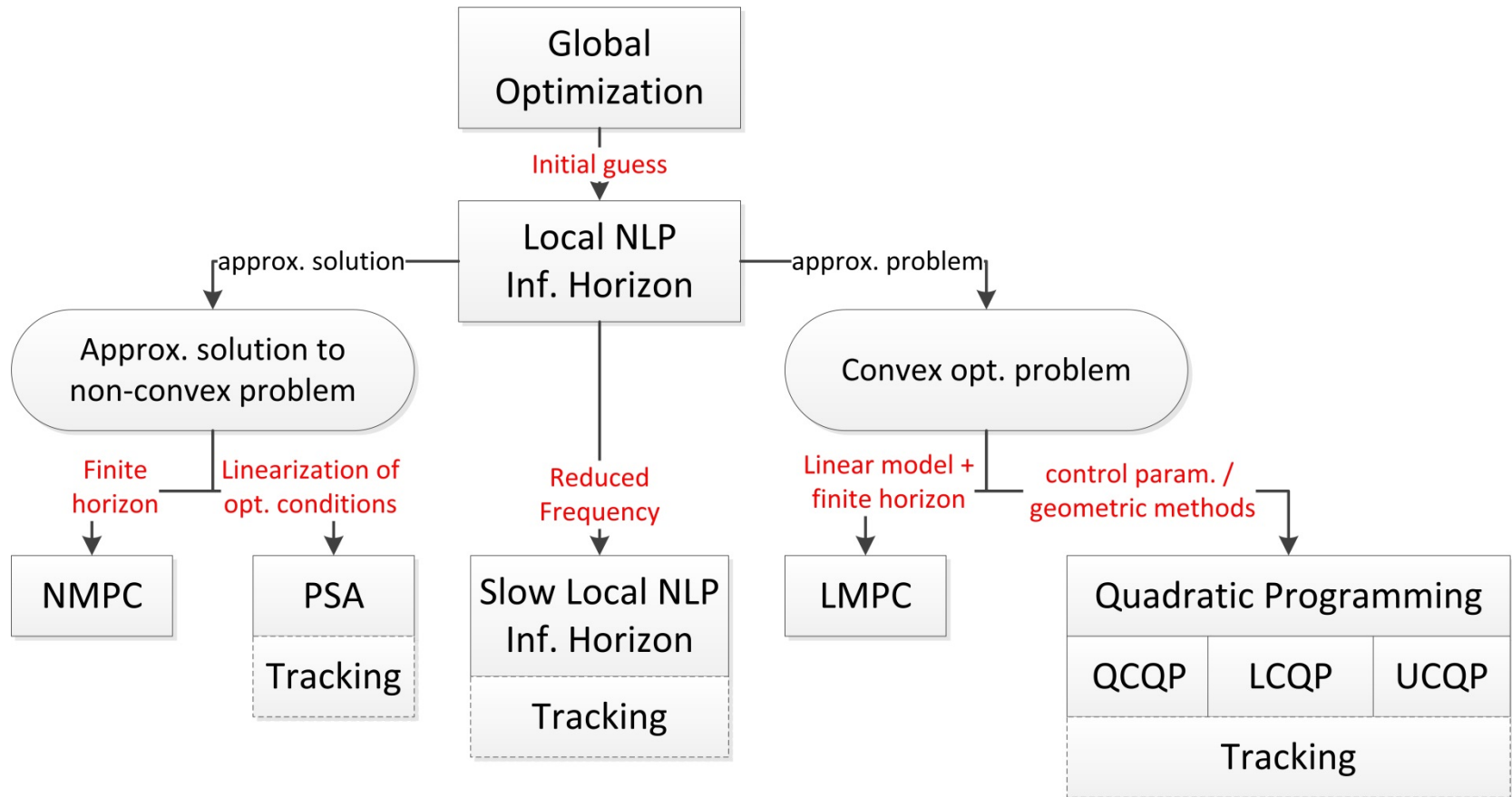
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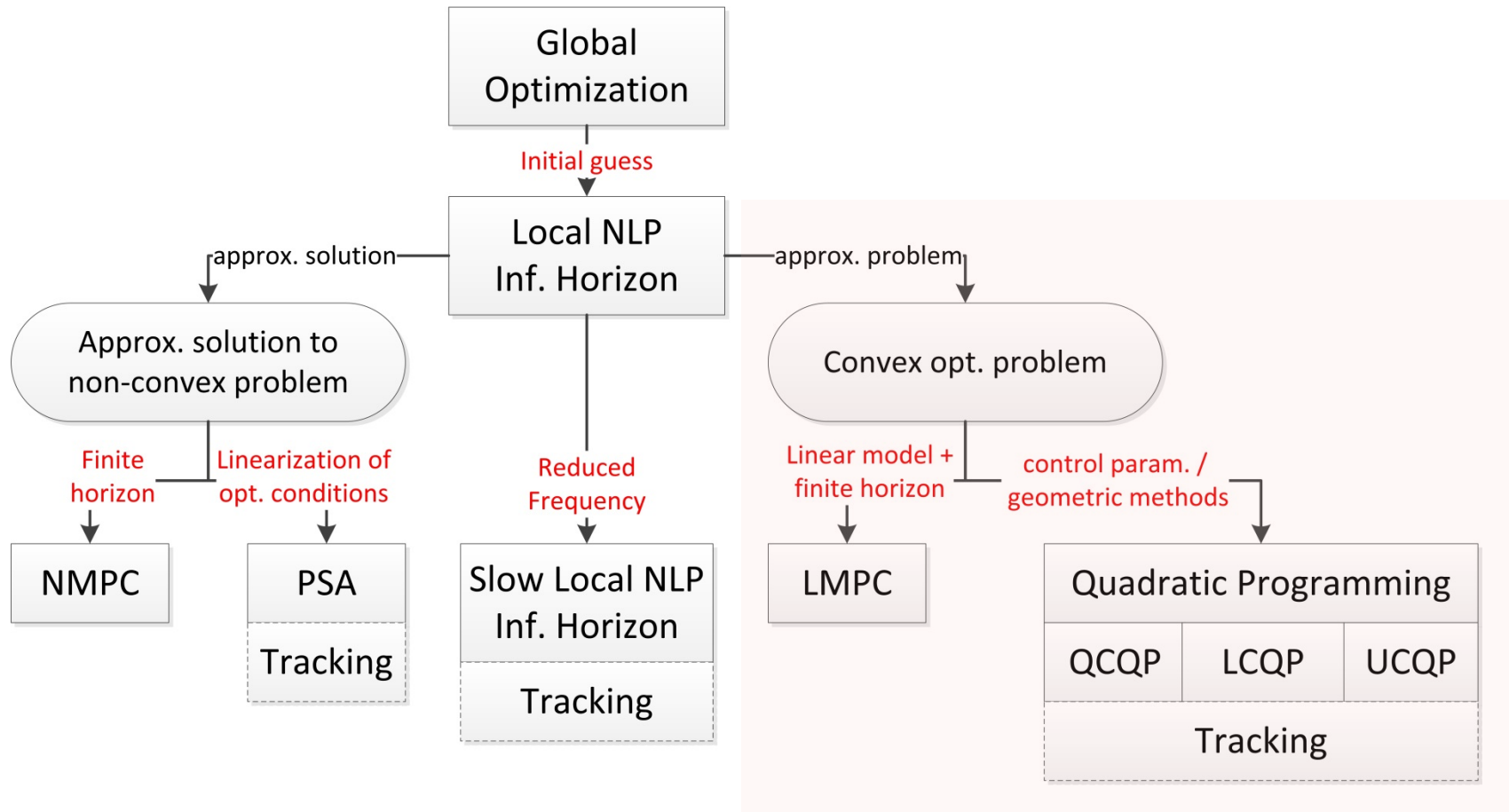
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OBS complexity	--	--
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Optimality	++	+
Method universality	++	++
Online optimization	yes	yes



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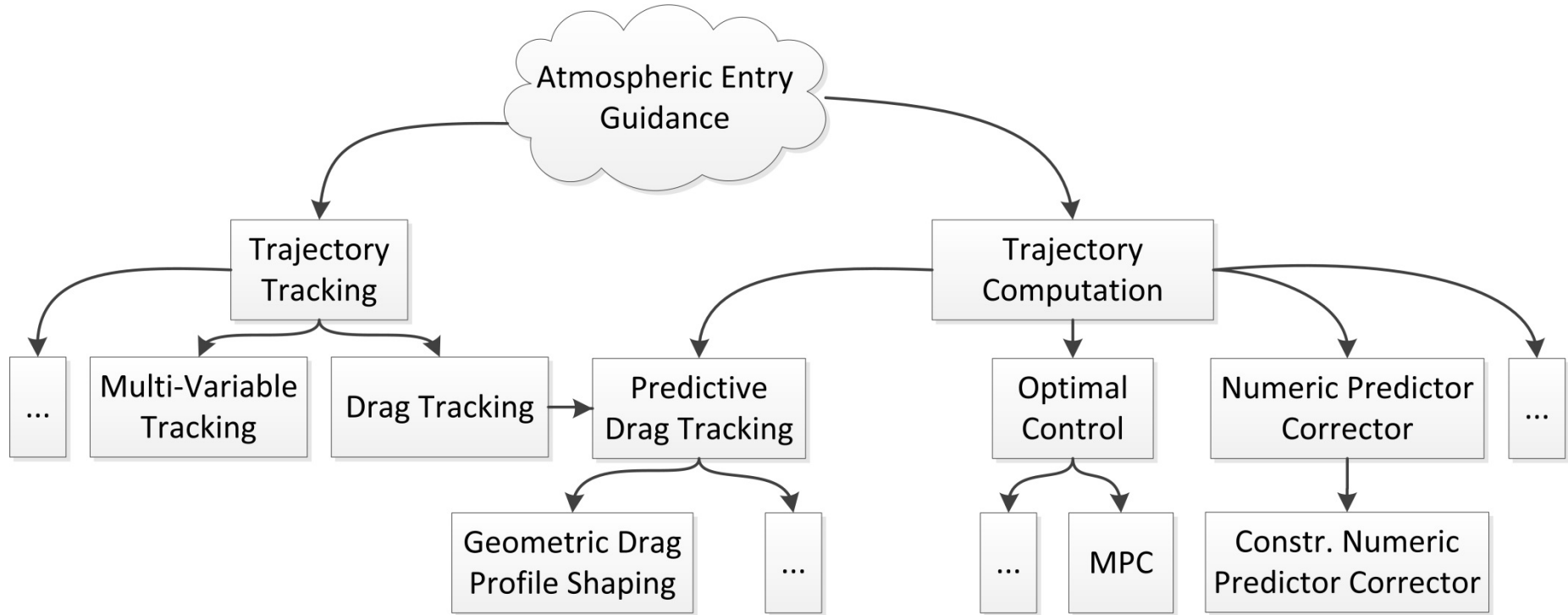


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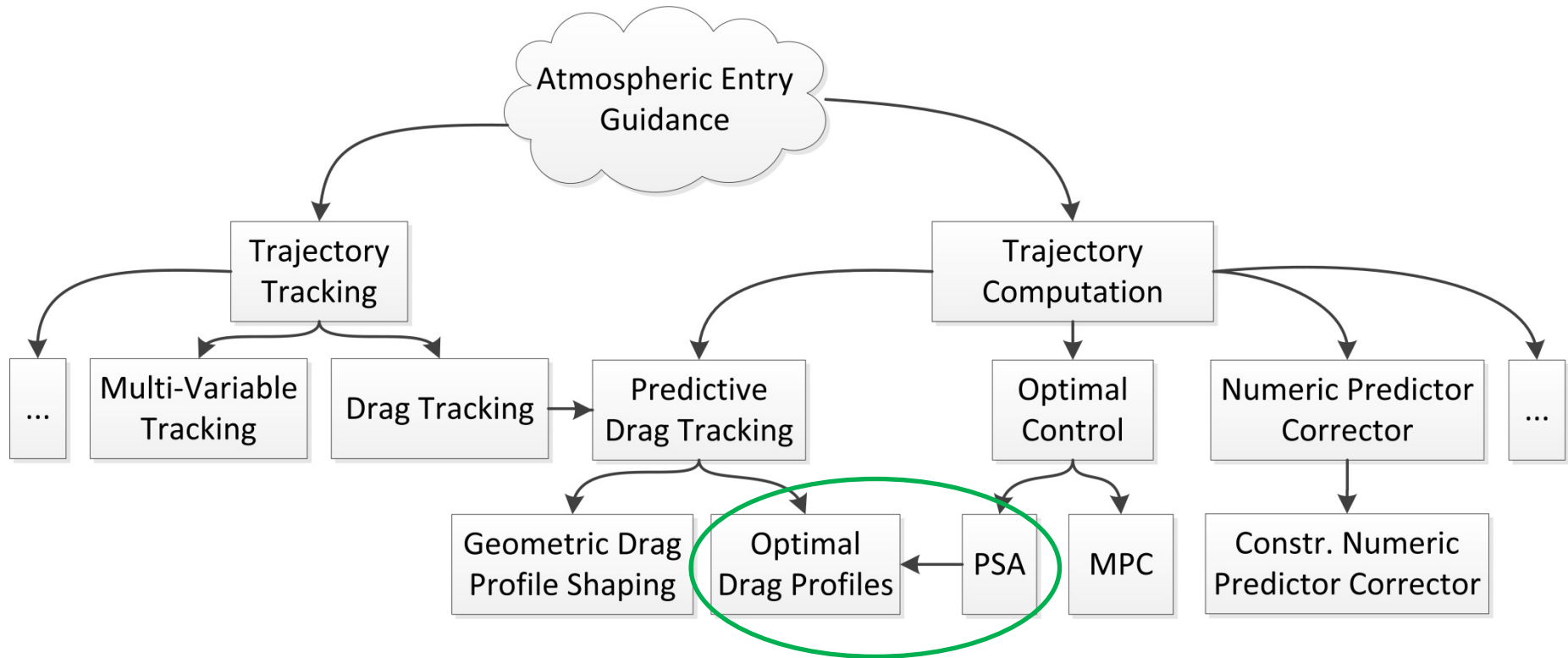
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- Optimal solution approximation based on parametric sensitivity analysis to obtain a fast update of the optimal control sequence
- Combination with drag tracking



Trajectory computation

- ☐ Parametric sensitivity analysis of nonlinear programs (offline)
- ☐ Fast solution approximation (online)
- ☐ Repeated online trajectory computation
- ☐ Region of attraction



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Offline Phase: Problem Formulation and Transcription

OCP(p)

Formulation as parametric Optimal Control Problem:

$$\min \quad J(x, u, p) = g(x(t_0), x(t_f), p) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} l(x(t), u(t), p) dt$$

$$\text{w.r.t.} \quad \dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t), p)$$

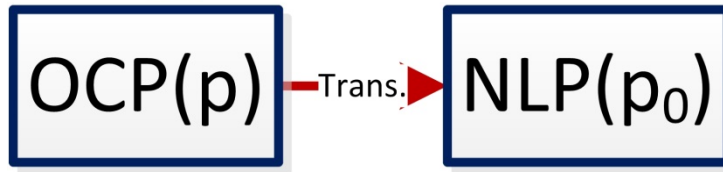
$$\psi_0(x(t_0), p) = 0$$

$$\psi_f(x(t_f), p) = 0$$

$$C(x(t), u(t), p) \leq 0 \quad t \in [t_0, t_f]$$



Offline Phase: Problem Formulation and Transcription



➤ Direct optimization

- Discretization (Runge-Kutta-4, Linear control interpolation)
- Transcription into a parametric nonlinear program (using single or multiple shooting)

➤ Choice of a nominal parameter set $p_0 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_z \quad & F(z, p_0) \\ \text{w.r.t.} \quad & g_l \leq G(z, p_0) \leq g_u \end{aligned}$$



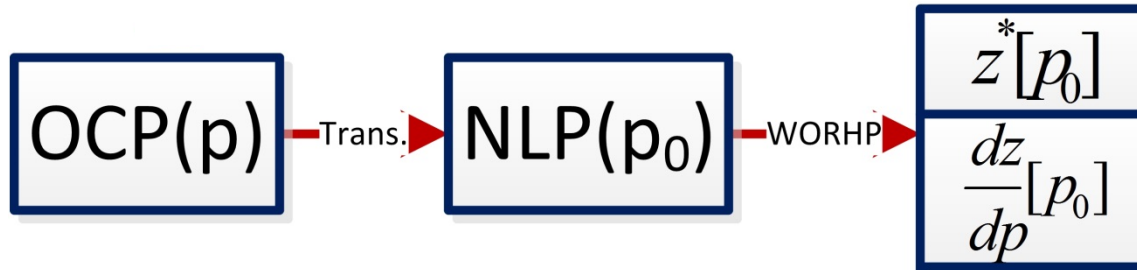
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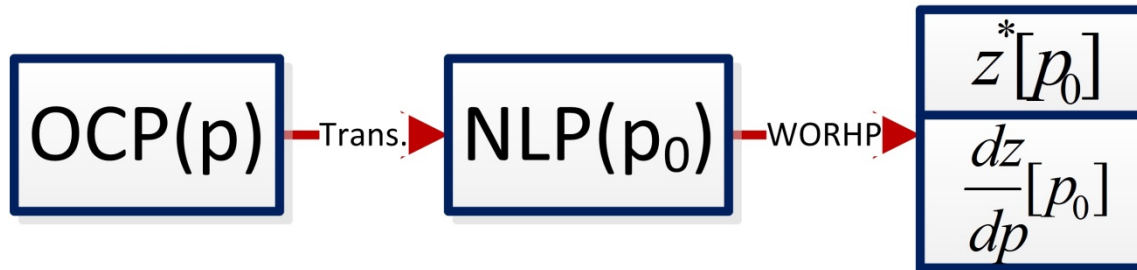
Differentiation of $K(z(p), \eta^a(p), p) \equiv 0$ with respect to p at point p_0 :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla_z^2 L(z_0, \eta_0^a, p_0) & \nabla_z G^a(z_0, p_0)^T \\ \nabla_z G^a(z_0, p_0) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dz}{dp}[p_0] \\ \frac{d\eta^a}{dp}[p_0] \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_{zp}^2 L(z_0, \eta_0^a, p_0) \\ \nabla_p G^a(z_0, p_0) \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Literature: [Fiacco] [Büskens]



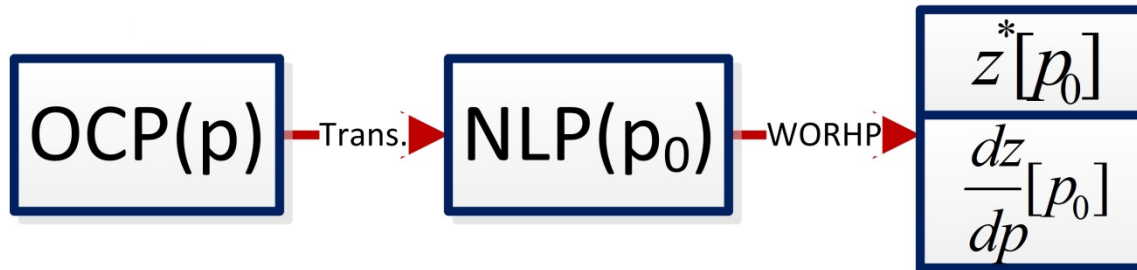
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- If z_0 fulfills strong second order sufficient conditions:
Kuhn-Tucker matrix is invertible

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dz}{dp}[p_0] \\ \frac{d\eta^a}{dp}[p_0] \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_z^2 L(z_0, \eta_0^a, p_0) & \nabla_z G^a(z_0, p_0)^T \\ \nabla_z G^a(z_0, p_0) & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_{zp}^2 L(z_0, \eta_0^a, p_0) \\ \nabla_p G^a(z_0, p_0) \end{bmatrix}$$



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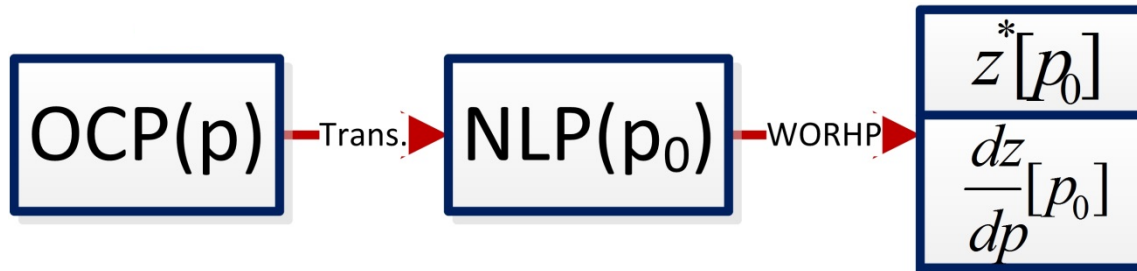
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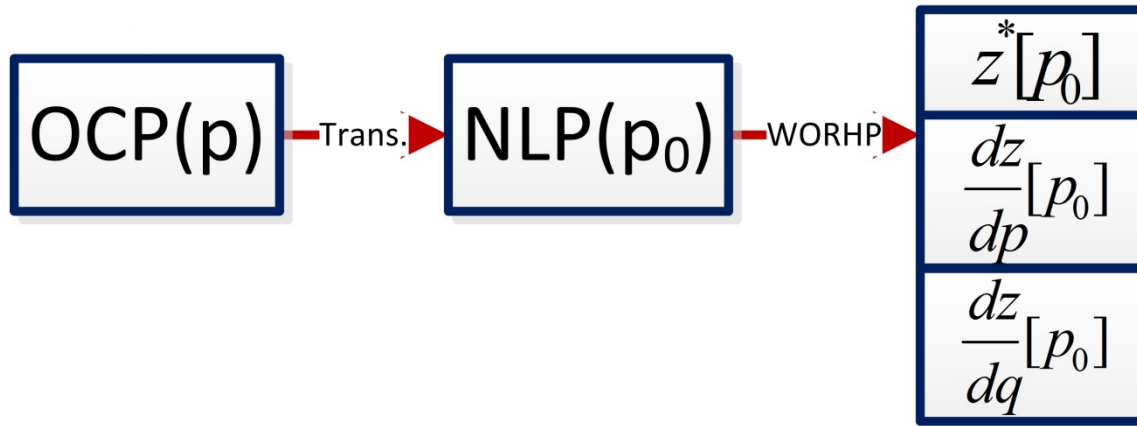
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Offline Phase: Sensitivity Analysis II



- Additional parameter vector q with nominal value $q_0 = 0$

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- $\frac{dz}{dq}$ can be computed analog to $\frac{dz}{dp}$



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- $\frac{dz}{dq}$ is used to iteratively correct the constraint error and at the same time improve the optimality of the approximation

while $\|G^a(z_i, p)\| > \varepsilon$

$$q_i = G^a(z_i, p)$$

$$z_{i+1} := z_i + \frac{dz}{dq^a}[p_0] \cdot q_i$$

For $\|q - q_0\| < \delta$ iteration converges against a fixpoint z_∞ at which

$$\|G^a(z_\infty, p)\| = 0$$

[Büskens]



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State	$x(t_0)$	$x(t_f)$
Altitude	$h_0 = 120000 \text{ m}$	$h_f = 10000 \text{ m}$
Longitude	$\lambda_0 = 0^\circ$	$\lambda_f = 11.3^\circ$
Latitude	$\varphi_0 = 25^\circ$	$\varphi_f = 23.3^\circ$
Velocity	$v_0 = 5440.8 \text{ m/s}$	$v_f \leq 450 \text{ m/s}$
FPA	$\gamma_0 = -14.5^\circ$	$\gamma_f : \text{free}$
Heading	$\chi_0 = 97.4^\circ$	$\chi_f : \text{free}$

Path Constraint	Limit
Heat flux	$\dot{Q} \leq 1600 \text{ kW/m}^2$
Dynamic pressure	$q \leq 17 \text{ kPa}$
Load factor	$n \leq 15$



Example

Parametrization

Initial condition: $\psi_0 = x(t_0) + p_I$

Parameter: $p = (p_I, p_m, p_L, p_D)^T$

Vehicle mass: $m = m_0 + p_m$

Nominal value: $p_0 = (0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0)^T = 0$

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Performance index

- Minimize terminal velocity v_f
- Avoid flight at max/min lift
- “Smooth” control function

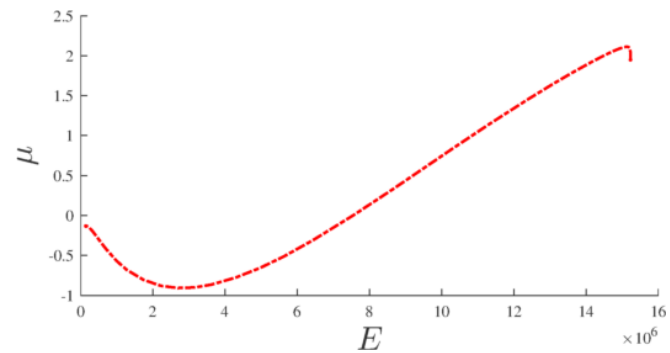
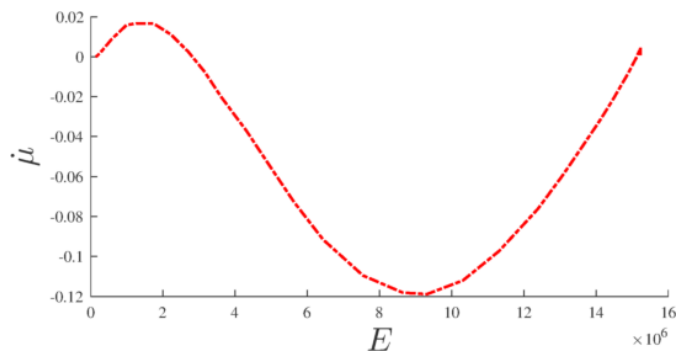
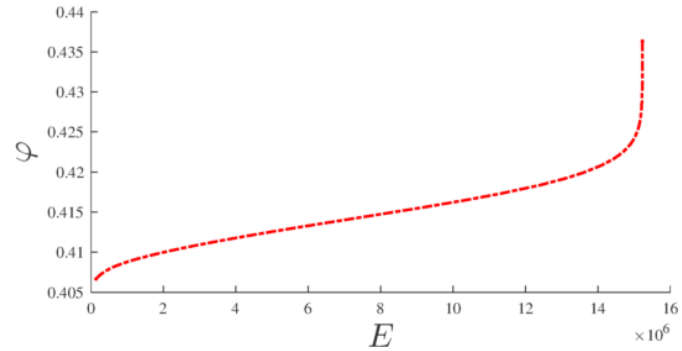
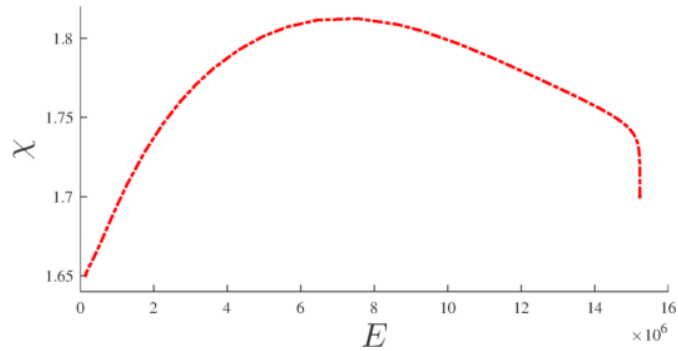
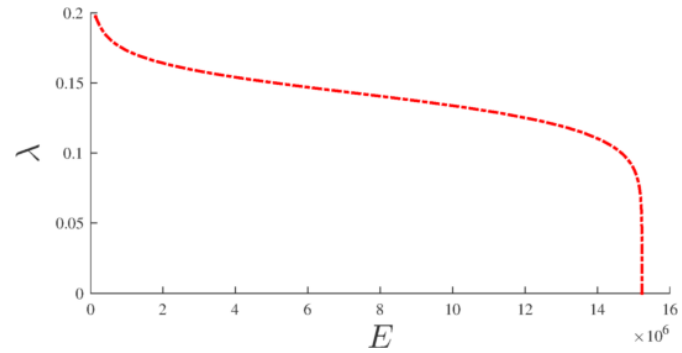
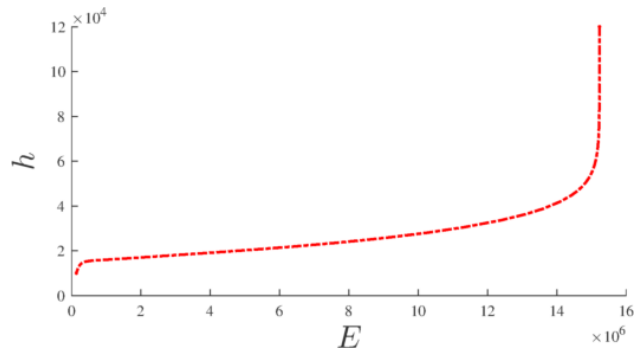
Objective function:
$$F(x, u, p) = w_1 v_f^2 + w_2 \int_{t_0}^{t_f} w_e(t) [w_3 (\cos \mu)^2 + w_4 \dot{\mu}^2] dt$$

w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4 : positive, constant

$w_e(t)$: positive function



Nominal Solution ($p := p_0$)



Perturbed Environment

Example: Estimated conditions at flight time t_0 :

Perturbed initial conditions:

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_0(t_0) \quad \bar{\mathbf{p}}_I$$

$$\overline{h_0} = h_0 + 2000$$

$$\overline{\lambda_0} = \lambda_0 - 0.001$$

$$\overline{\varphi_0} = \varphi_0 + 0.005$$

$$\overline{v_0} = v_0 - 100$$

$$\overline{\gamma_0} = \gamma_0 - 0.0012$$

$$\overline{\chi_0} = \chi_0 - 0.0005$$

Perturbed model:

$$\bar{p}_m = 9$$

$$\bar{p}_L = 0.03$$

$$\bar{p}_D = -0.04$$

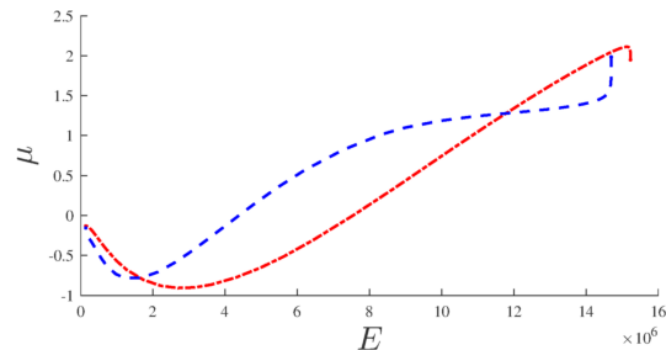
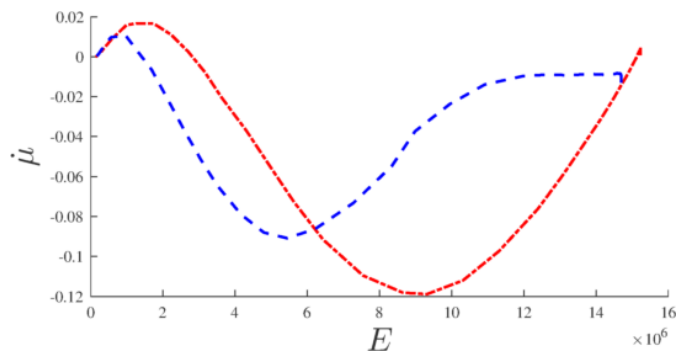
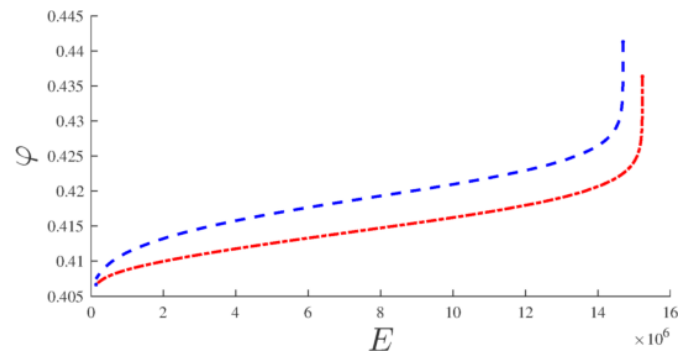
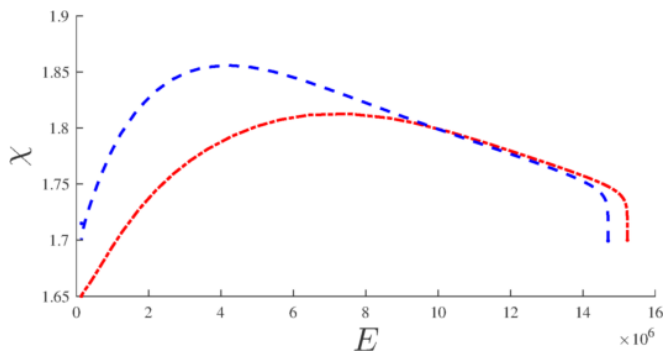
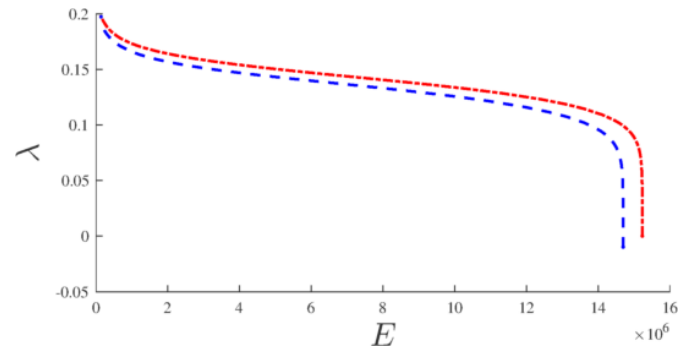
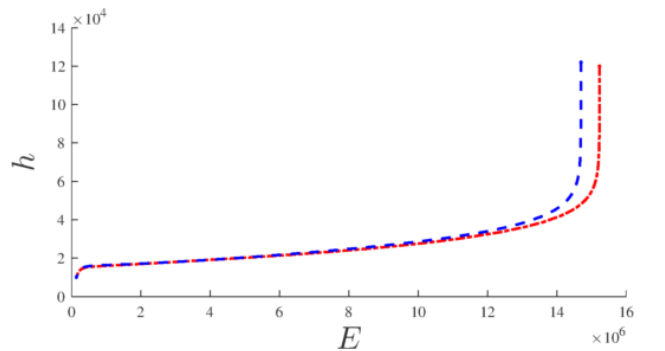
Perturbed parameter set:

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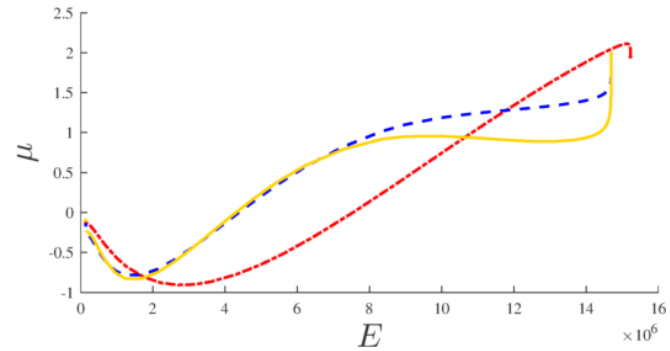
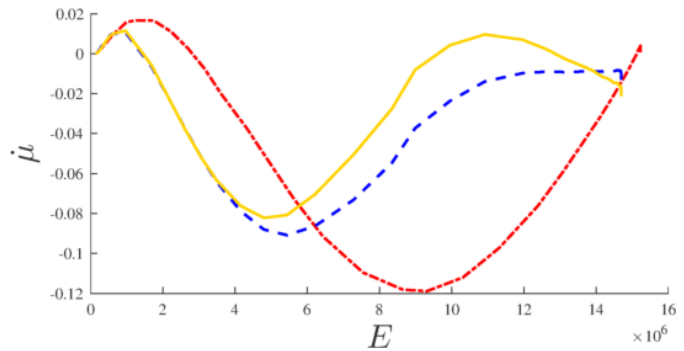
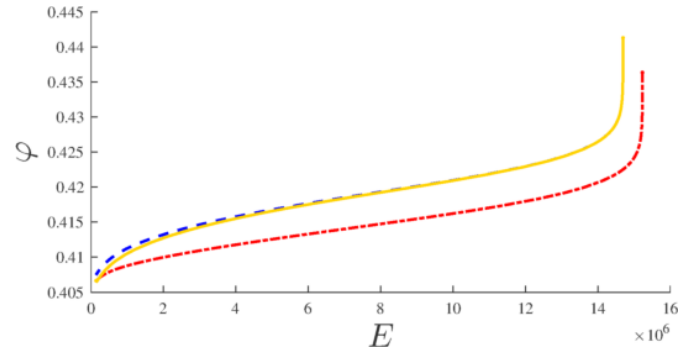
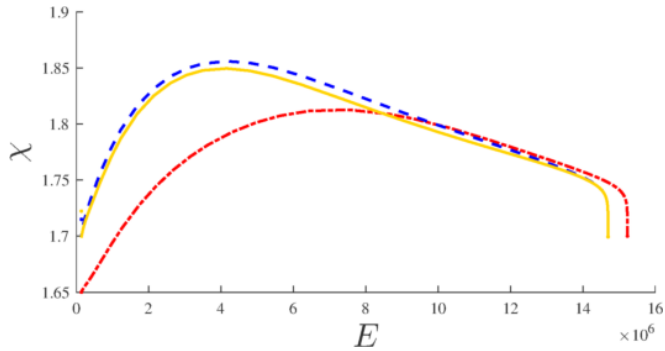
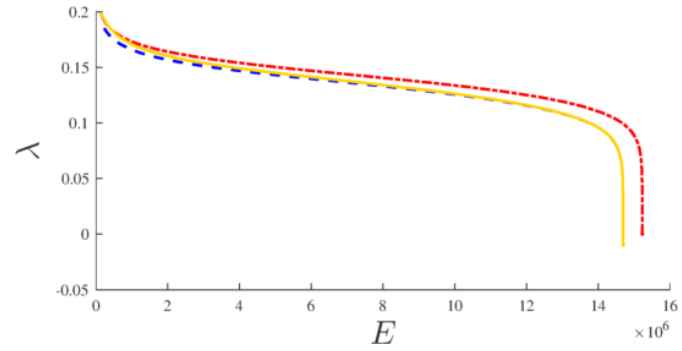
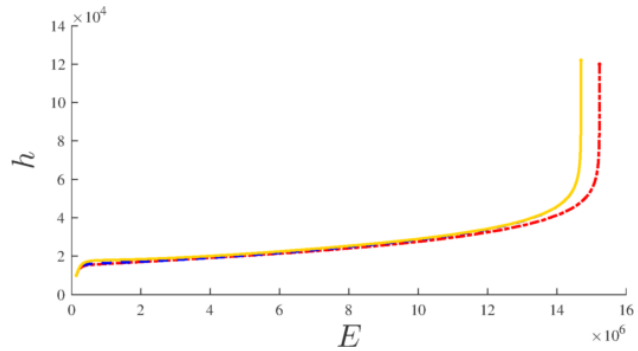
Approximate optimal control sequence and trajectory for perturbed parameters $\bar{\mathbf{p}}$



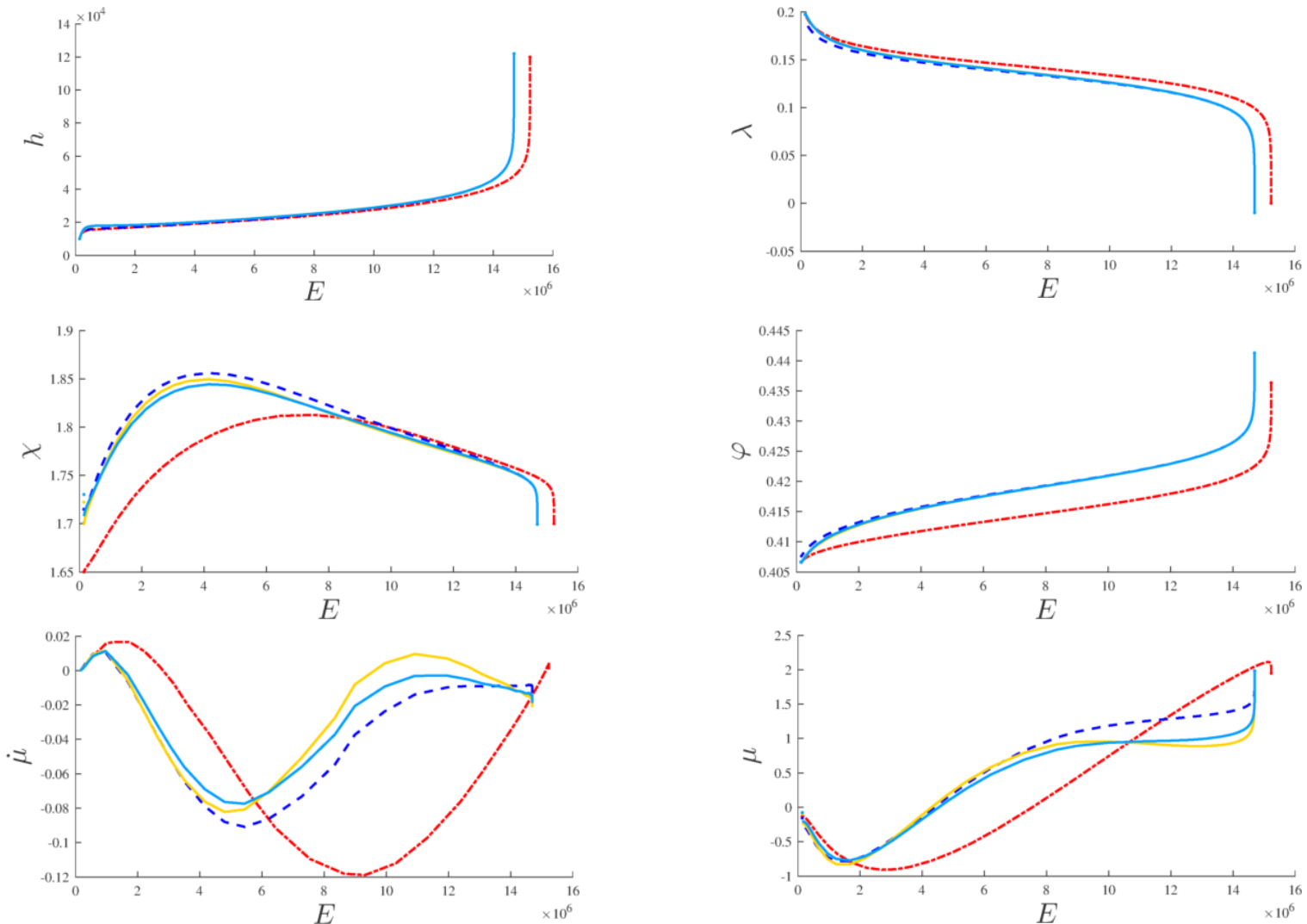
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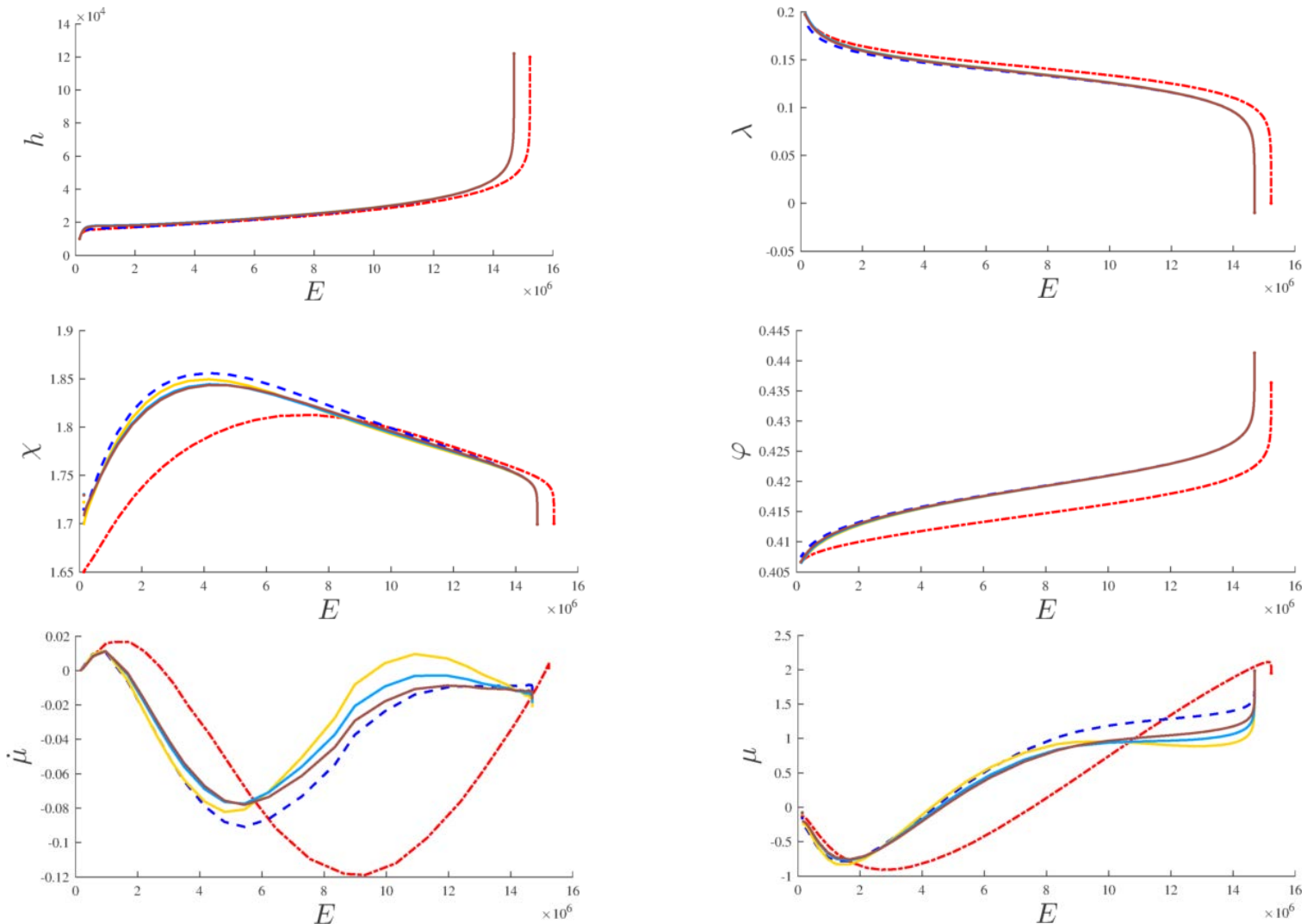
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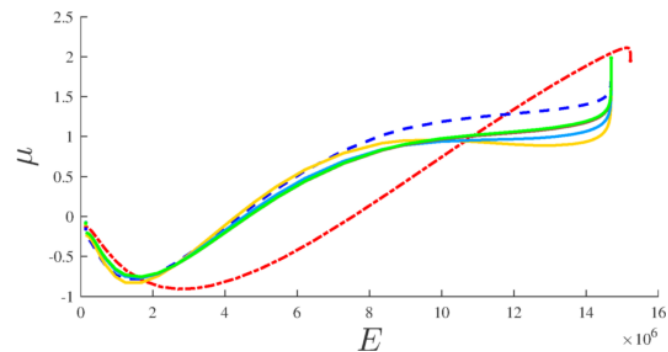
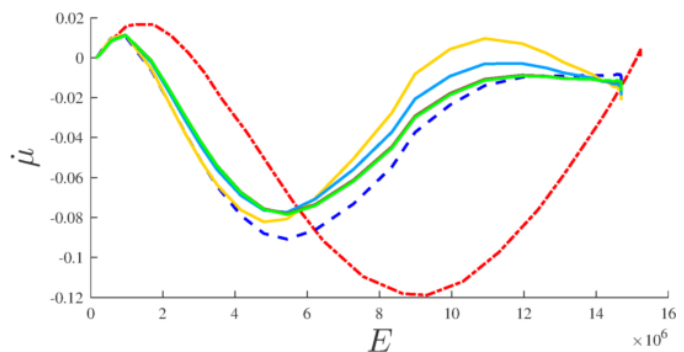
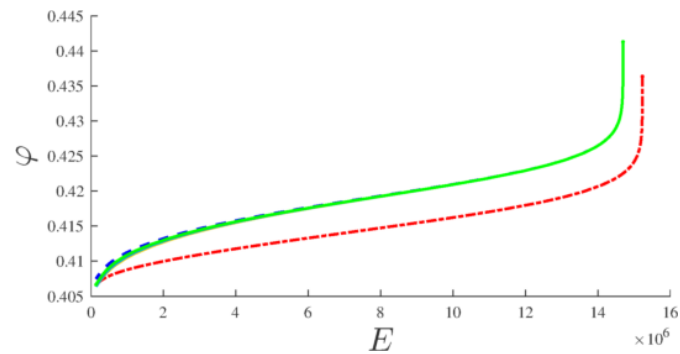
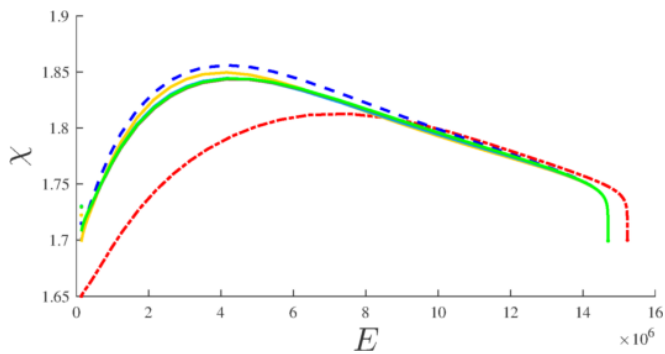
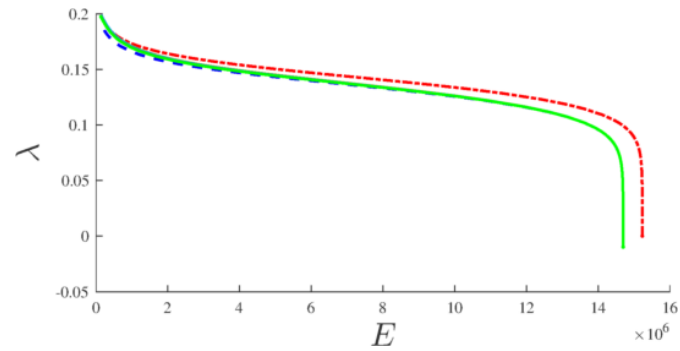
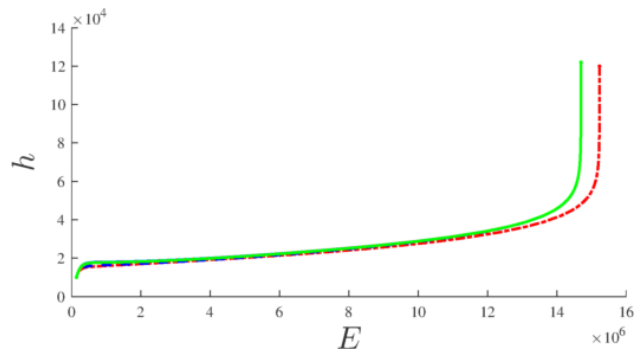
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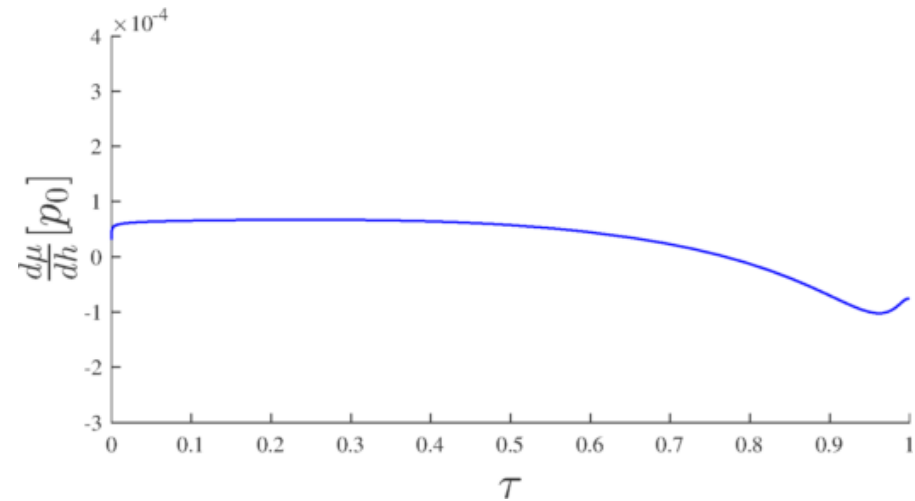


Solution Approximation for $p := \bar{p}$ (q-Step 4) (Termination)



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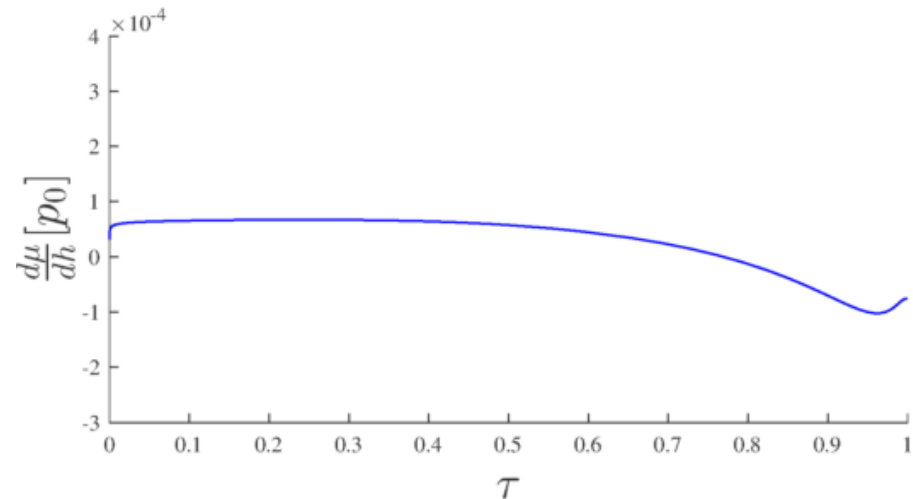
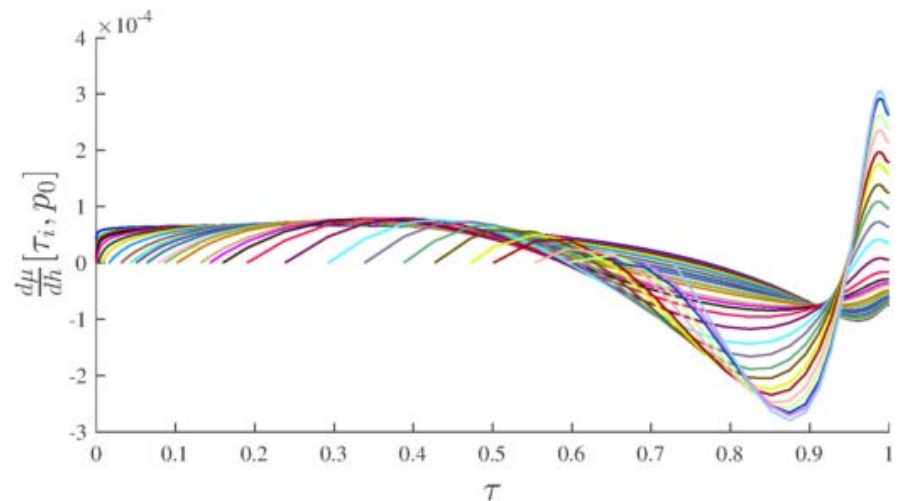
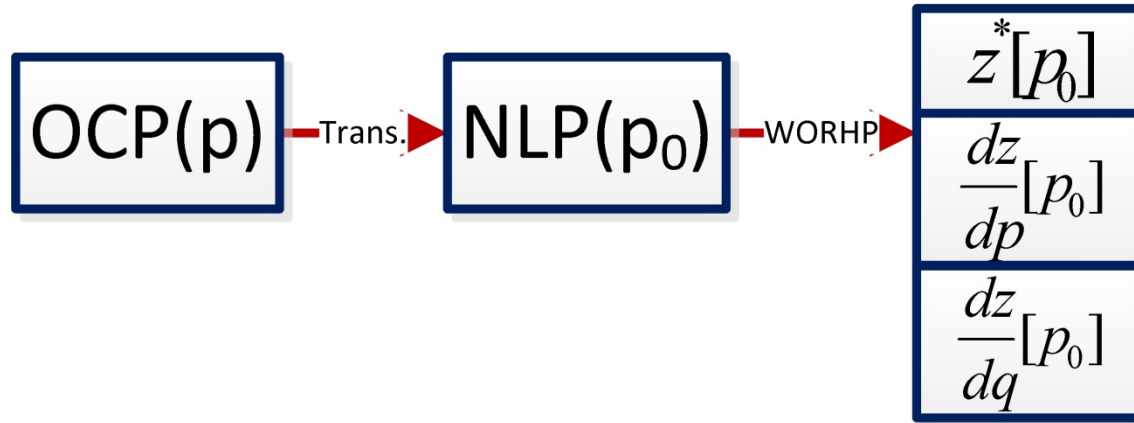


Image 2: Sensitivity of μ against perturbations in h at $\psi_0^{t_i} = x^*(t_i)$, $0 \leq i \leq l$



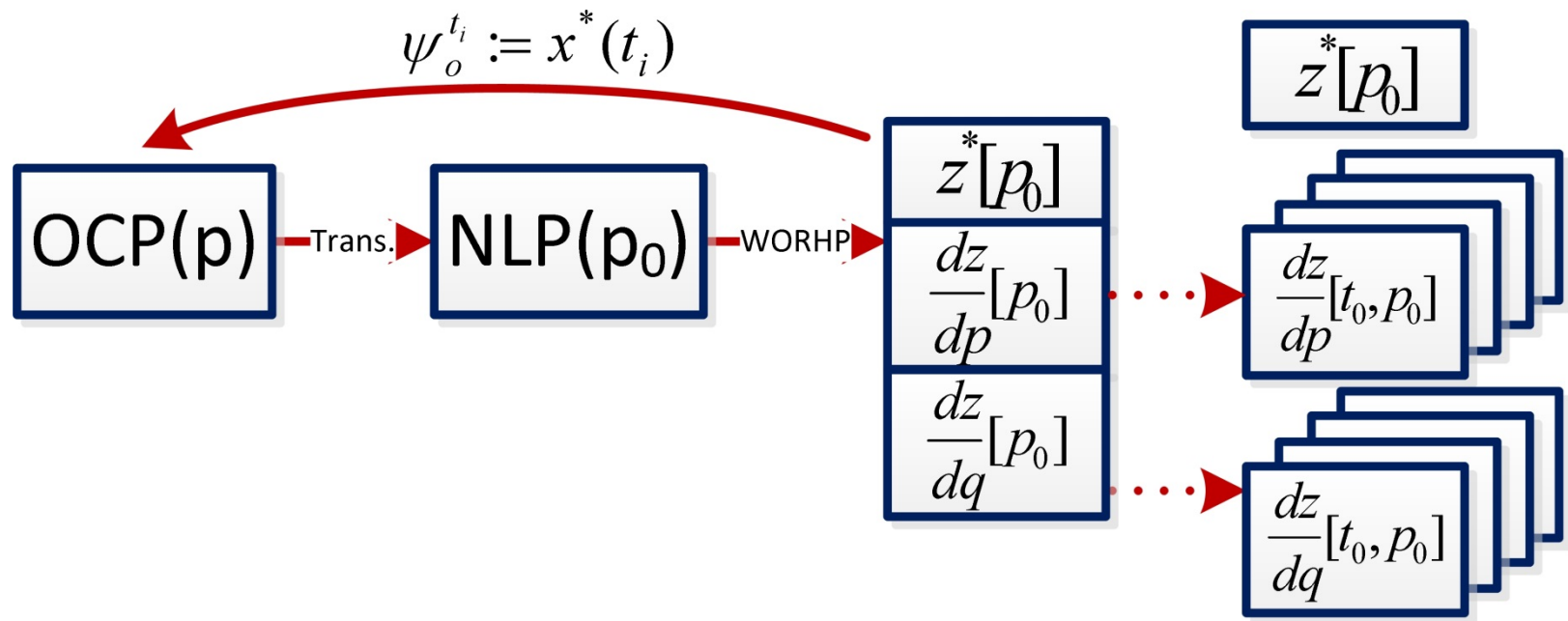
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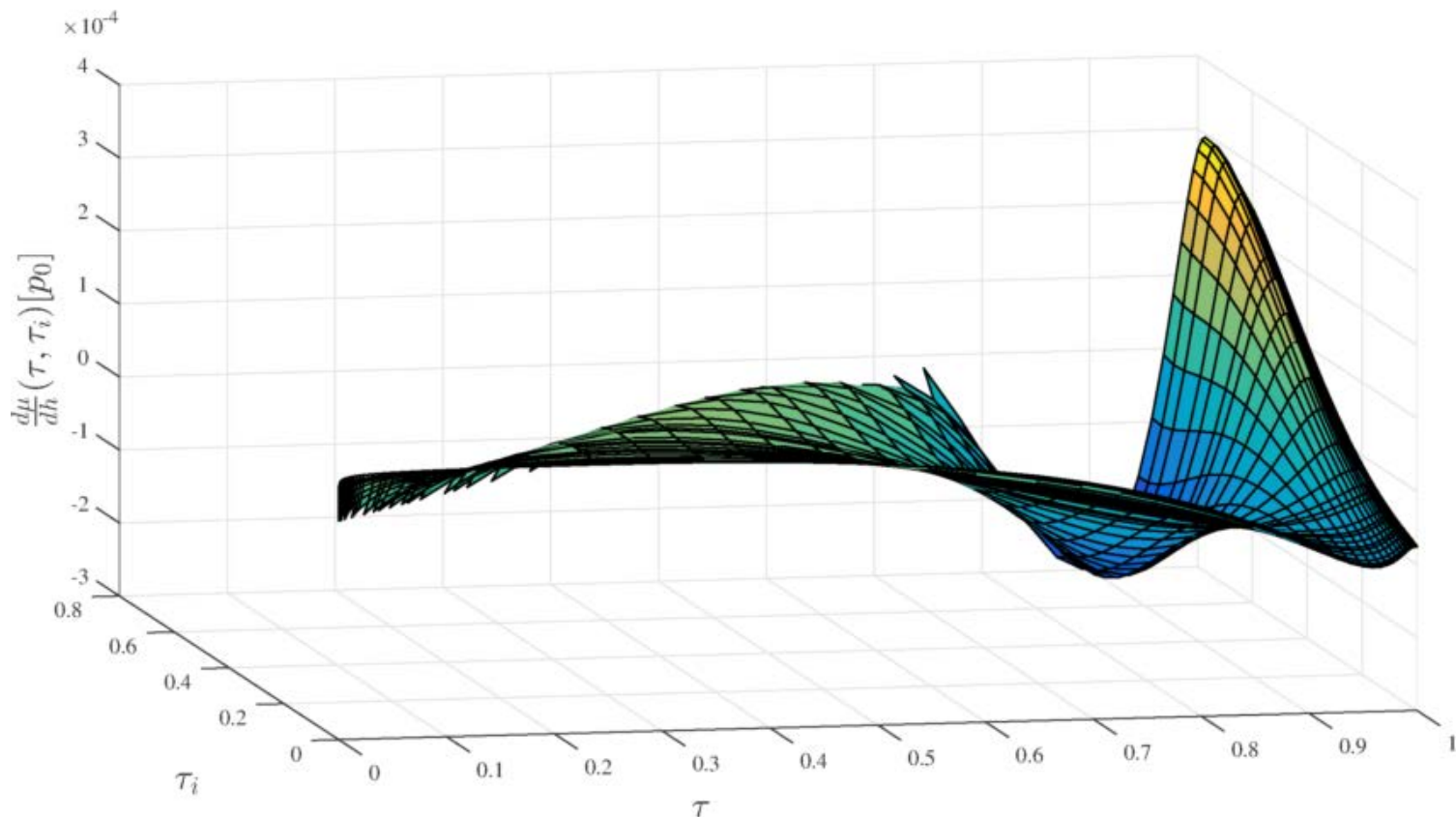


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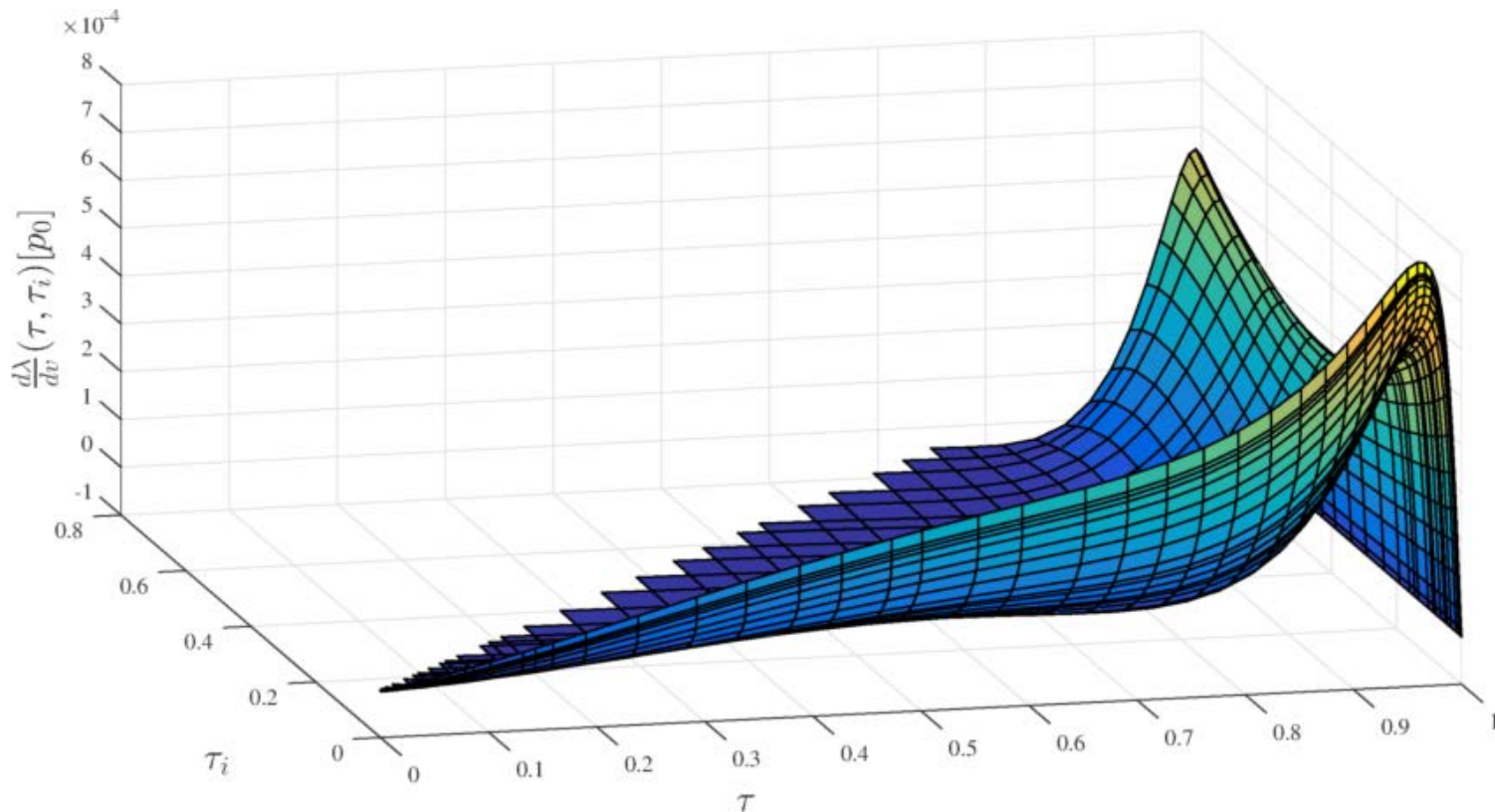
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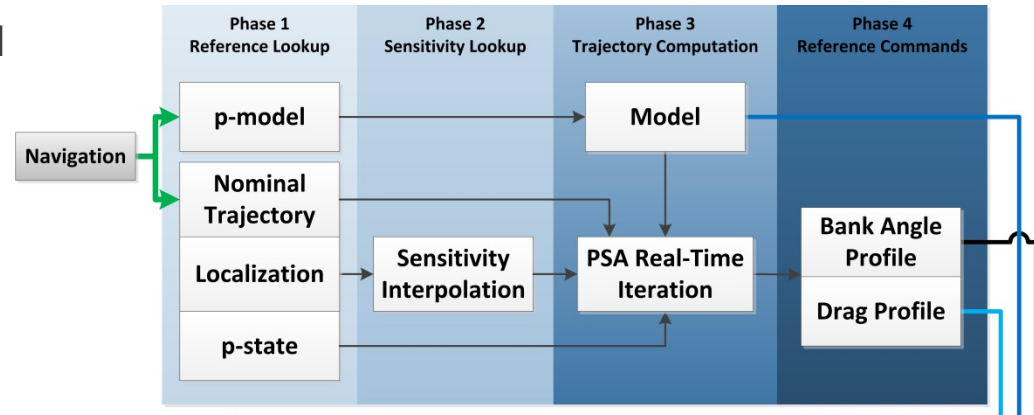
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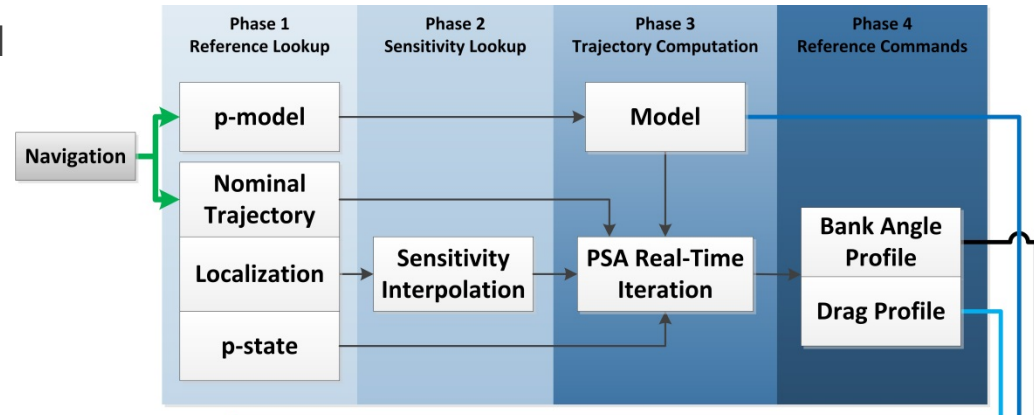
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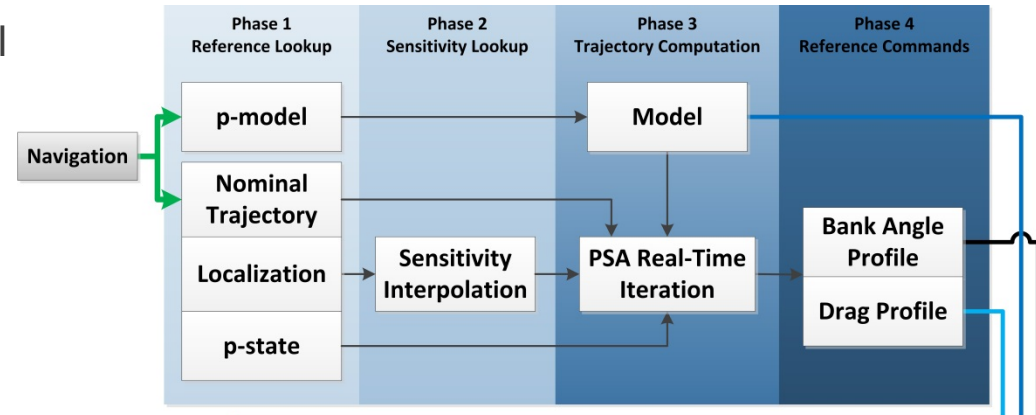
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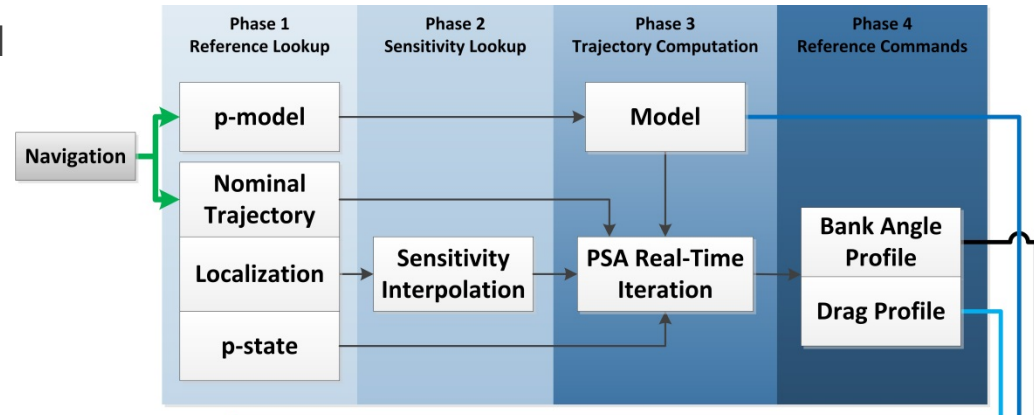
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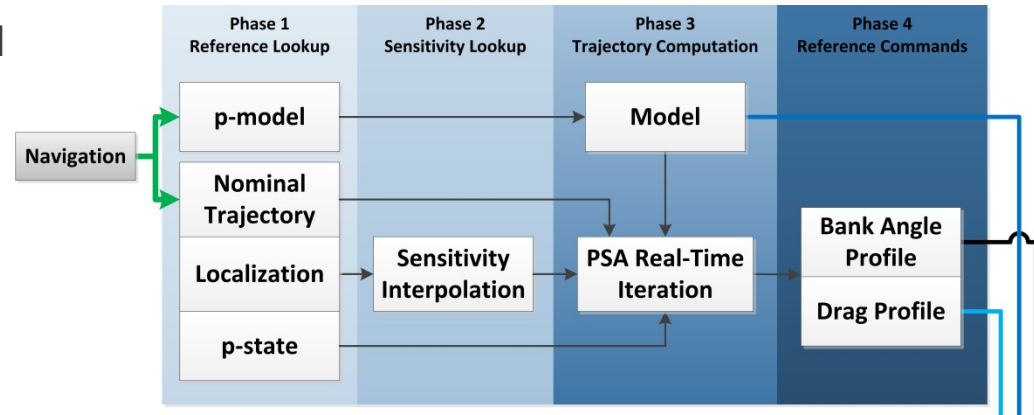
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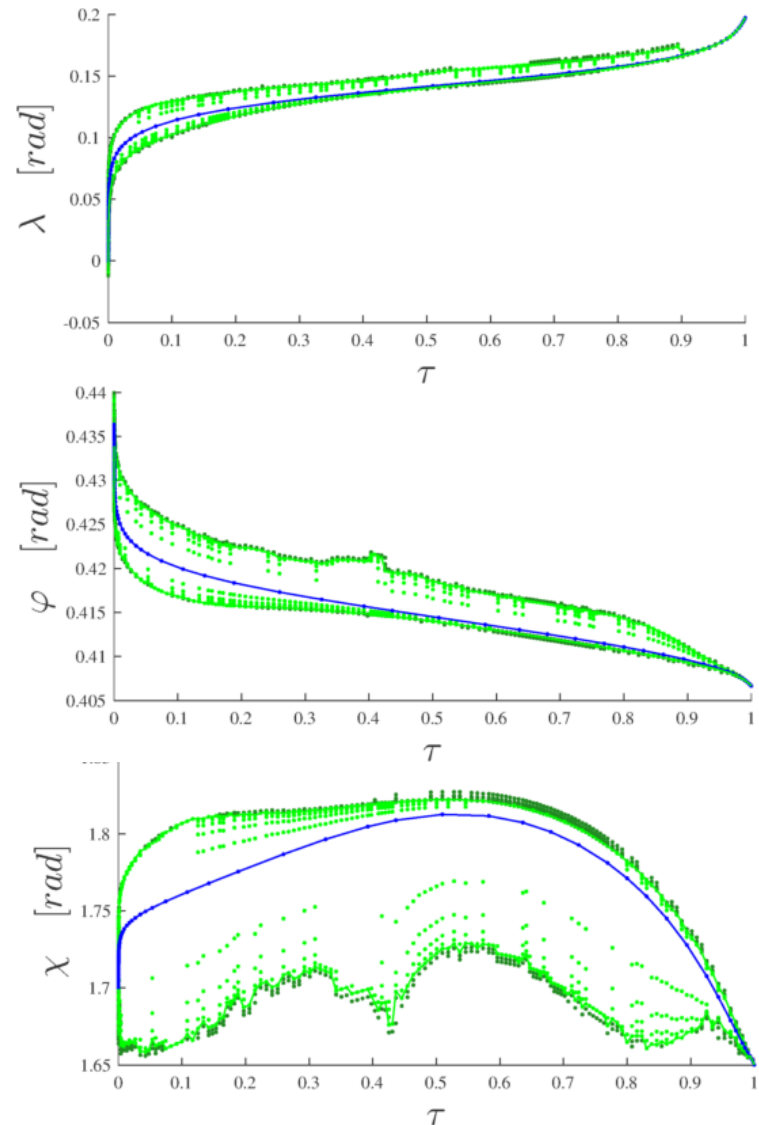
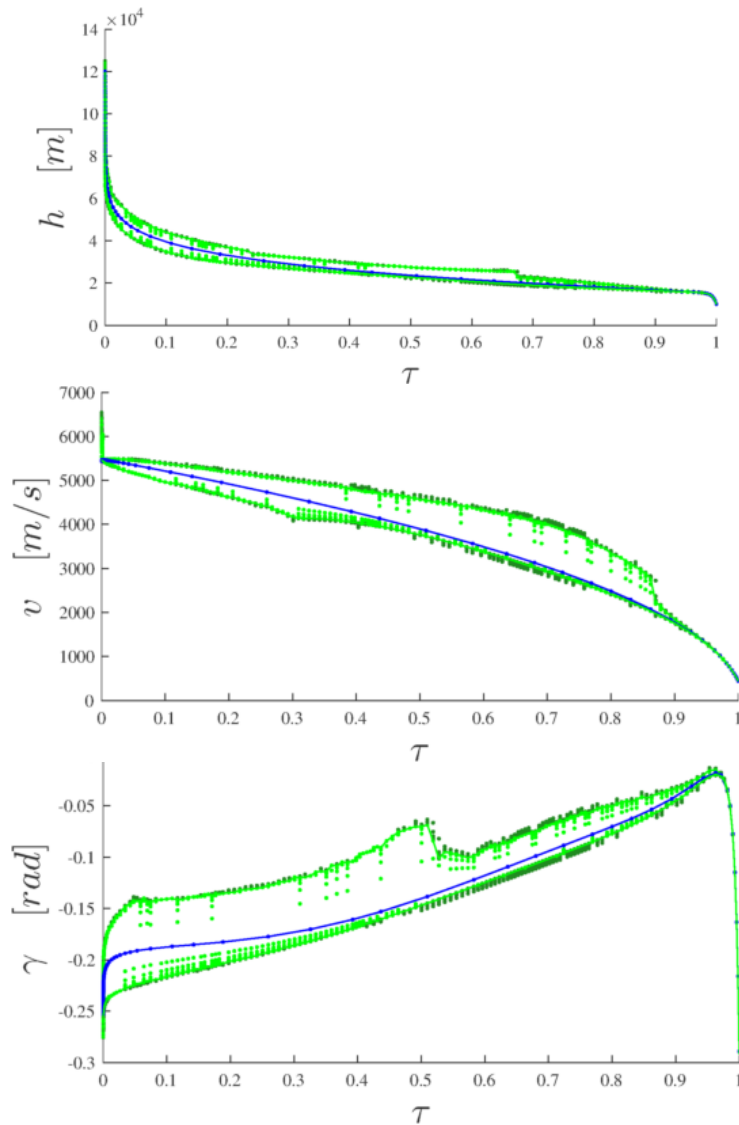
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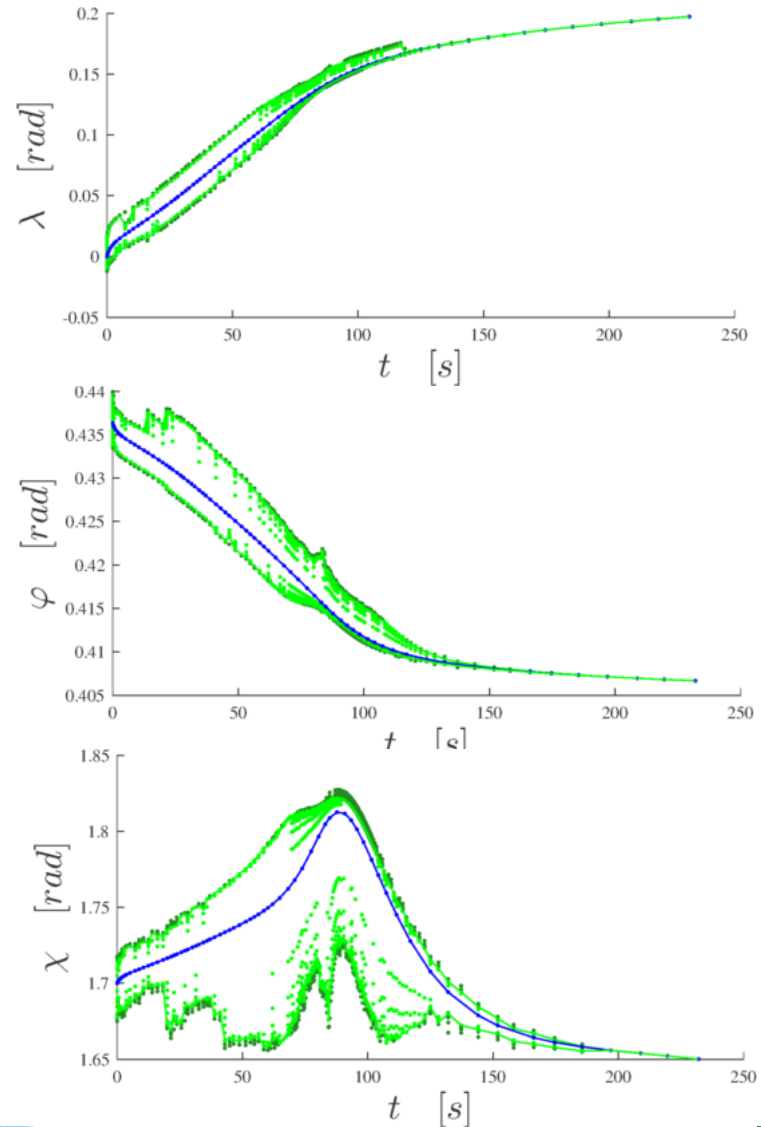
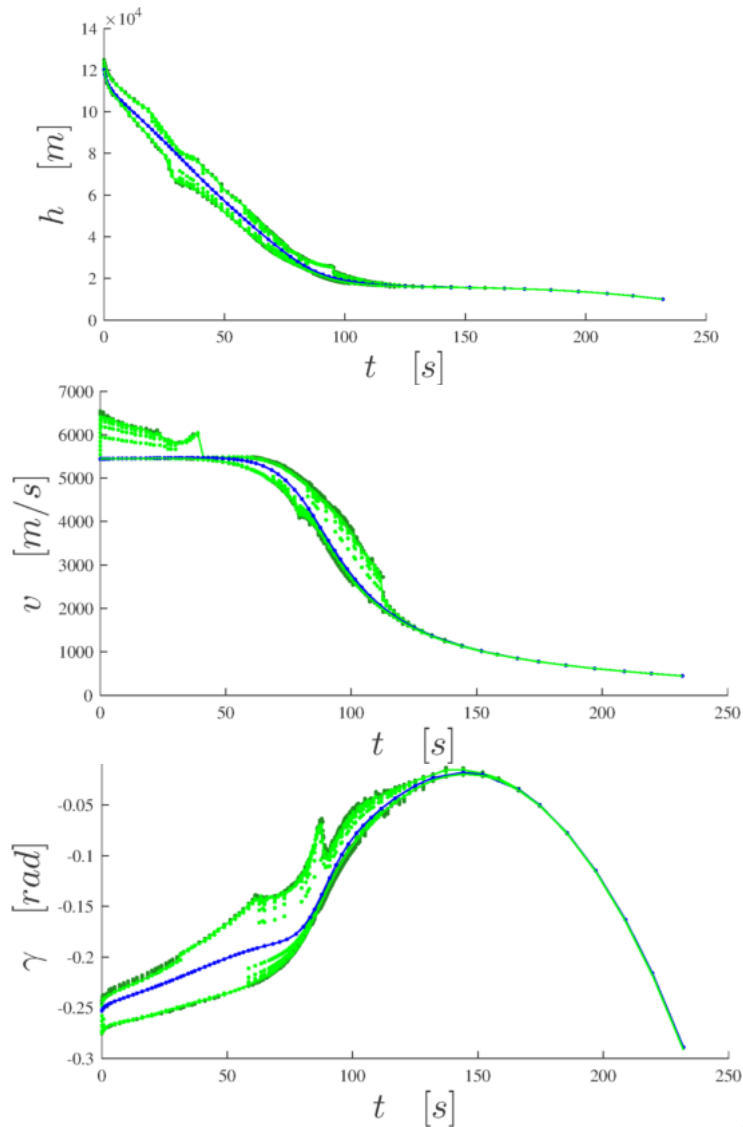
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(for selected perturbations)



Convergence Region : Single State Error (vs. Norm. Energy)



Convergence Region : Single State Error (vs. Time)



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Additional guidance strategy required for “low” velocity flight



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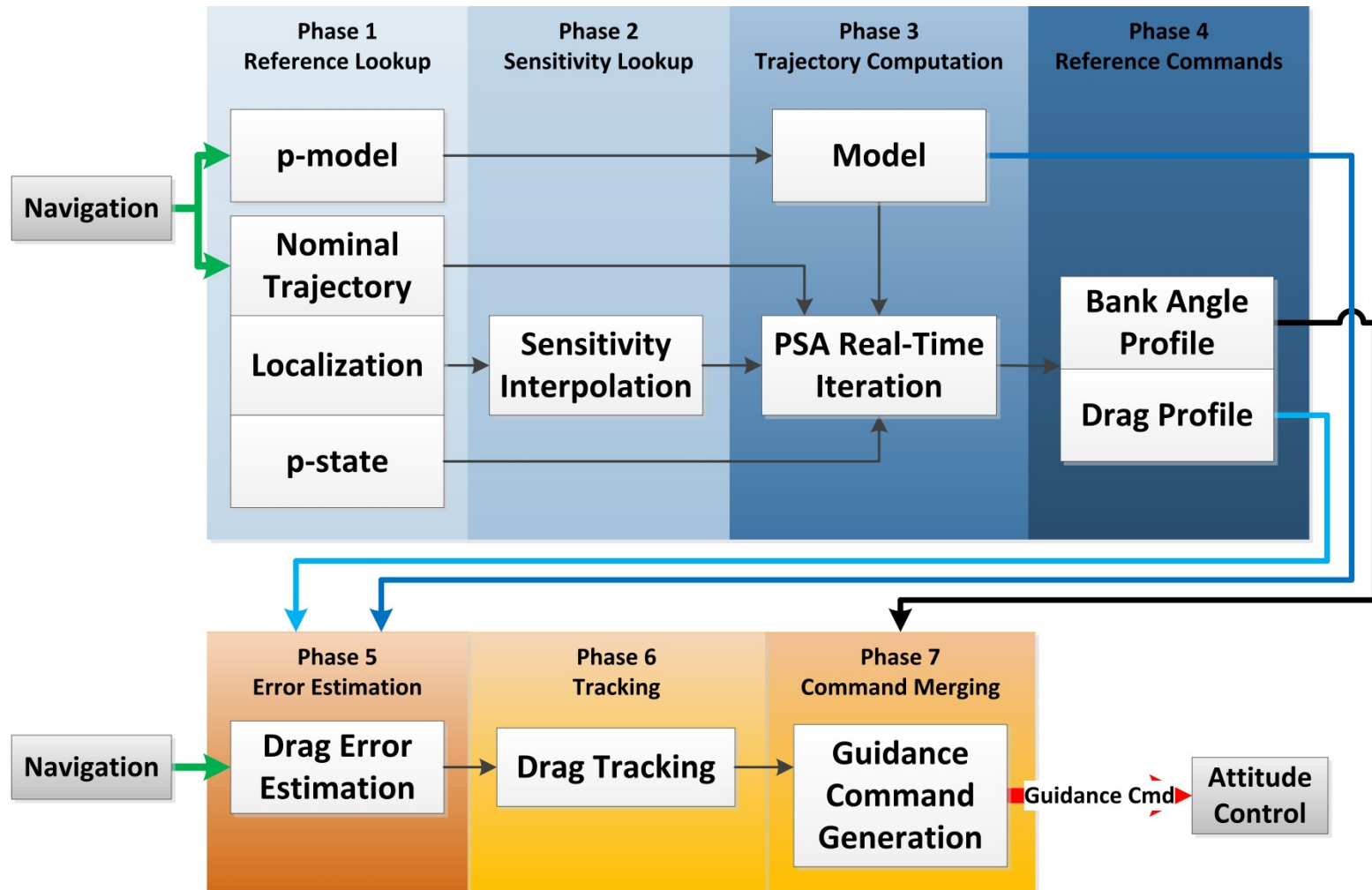
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Guidance Stages



Feedback Linearization 1

Feedback linearization can be applied to nonlinear systems of the form

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= f(x) + g(x)u && \text{with state vector } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ control } u \in \mathbb{R}^p, \text{ output } y \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ y &= h(x)\end{aligned}$$

Goal: Input-Output linearization

Method: Transform \dot{x} into a new system whose states are the output $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and its first $(n-1)$ 'time' derivatives.

$$\begin{aligned}y &= h(x) \\ \dot{y} &= L_f h(x) \\ \ddot{y} &= L_f^2 h(x) \\ &\vdots \\ y^{(n-1)} &= L_f^{n-1} h(x) \\ y^{(n)} &= L_f^n h(x) + L_g L_f^{n-1} h(x)u\end{aligned}$$

Taking Lie derivatives of the output

$$L_f h(x) = \frac{d h(x)}{d x} f(x),$$

$$L_g h(x) = \frac{d h(x)}{d x} g(x).$$



Feedback Linearization 2

Derivatives give the transformation T and the

transformed system z

$$z = T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} z_1(x) \\ z_2(x) \\ \vdots \\ z_n(x) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \dot{y} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(n-1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h(x) \\ L_f h(x) \\ \vdots \\ L_f^{n-1} h(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_1 &= L_f h(x) = z_2(x) \\ \dot{z}_2 &= L_f^2 h(x) = z_3(x) \\ &\vdots \\ \dot{z}_n &= L_f^n h(x) + L_g L_f^{n-1} h(x) u \end{aligned}$$

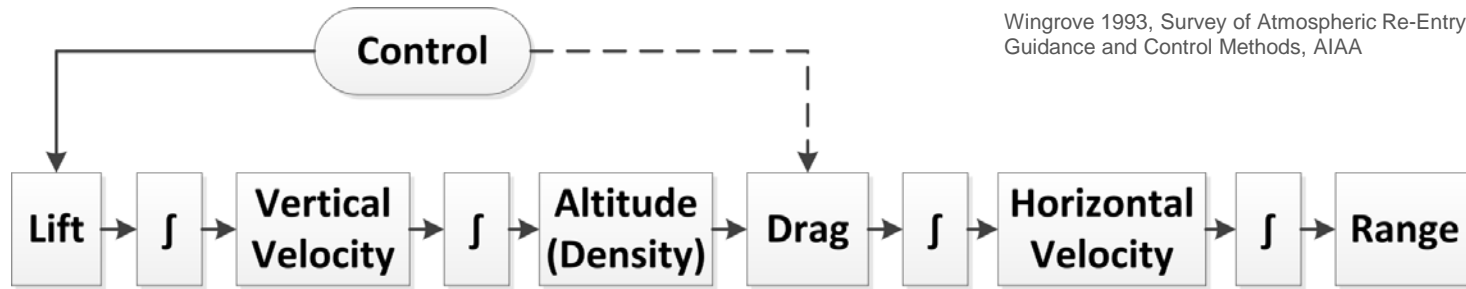
The feedback law

$$u = \frac{1}{L_g L_f^{n-1} h(x)} (-L_f^n h(x) + v)$$

- Creates a linear input-output map from v to $z_1 = y$
- System z is a cascade of n integrators
- Outer-loop control v can be chosen using linear system methods



Downrange Control

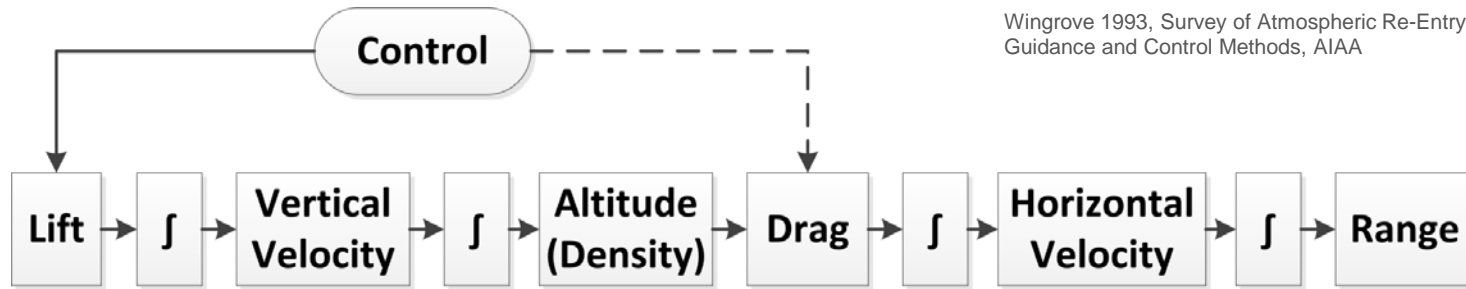


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Wingrove 1993, Survey of Atmospheric Re-Entry Guidance and Control Methods, AIAA

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ρ atmospheric density
 C_D drag coefficient
 α angle of attack
 M Mach number
 c speed of sound
 S aerodynamic reference area

Chose drag as system output.



Application of FBL to Entry Guidance

- Controller design in energy domain
- Separation of dynamics: Consider only longitudinal motion in v-r plane!

$$h' = -\frac{V \sin \gamma}{D}$$

$$v' = \frac{D + g \sin \gamma}{Dv}$$

$$\gamma' = -\frac{L}{Dv^2} \cos \mu + \left(\frac{g}{Dv^2} - \frac{1}{h + r_p D} \right) \cos \gamma$$

Assumptions:

- Spherical, nonrotating planet
- No side slip
- Constant angle of attack

Independent variable:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} v^2 - \left(\frac{GM}{r} - \frac{GM}{r_p} \right)$$

Energy as independent variable causes a system order reduction compared to the time domain: A minimal energy domain representation needs only retain either h or v !



Drag-Energy Derivatives

➤ Take output derivatives and apply feedback linearization mechanism

$$D(r, V_{rel}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho(r) \cdot V_{rel}^2 \cdot C_D (M(V, c(r))) \cdot S$$

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$$D'' = a + bu$$



2nd Drag-Energy Derivative

$$\mathbf{D}'' = \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{D}, \dot{\mathbf{D}}, \mathbf{E}) + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{D}, \dot{\mathbf{D}}, \mathbf{E}) \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{D}, \dot{\mathbf{D}}, \mathbf{E})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} = & \frac{1}{4 D^2 v c(h)^4 (h + rM)} S \left(2 D^2 v^5 \rho(h) (h + rM) c'(h)^2 \left(\frac{dh}{dEn} \right)^2 Cd'' \left(\frac{v}{c(h)} \right) + 4 D^2 v^4 c(h) \rho(h) (h + rM) c'(h) \frac{dh}{dEn} \left(c'(h) \frac{dh}{dEn} Cd' \left(\frac{v}{c(h)} \right) - \frac{dv}{dEn} Cd'' \left(\frac{v}{c(h)} \right) \right) - \right. \\ & 2 v^3 c(h)^2 \left(Cd' \left(\frac{v}{c(h)} \right) \left(D^2 v \rho(h) (h + rM) c''(h) \left(\frac{dh}{dEn} \right)^2 + c'(h) \left(\rho(h) \left((h + rM) \left(6 D^2 \frac{dh}{dEn} \frac{dv}{dEn} + v \sin(y) \frac{dD}{dEn} \right) + D \cos^2(y) (g(h + rM) - v^2) \right) + 2 D^2 v (h + rM) \left(\frac{dh}{dEn} \right)^2 \rho'(h) \right) \right) - \right. \\ & D^2 \rho(h) (h + rM) \left(\frac{dv}{dEn} \right)^2 Cd'' \left(\frac{v}{c(h)} \right) \left. \right) + \\ & v c(h)^3 Cd' \left(\frac{v}{c(h)} \right) \left(\rho(h) \left(2 (h + rM) \left(D^2 \frac{dv}{dEn} \left(4 v \frac{dv}{dEn} - 1 \right) - g \sin(y) \left(v \frac{dD}{dEn} + D \frac{dv}{dEn} \right) \right) - 2 D g \cos^2(y) (g(h + rM) - v^2) \right) + 4 D^2 v^2 (h + rM) \frac{dh}{dEn} \frac{dv}{dEn} \rho'(h) \right) + \\ & c(h)^4 Cd \left(\frac{v}{c(h)} \right) \left(v^2 \left(2 \rho'(h) \left((h + rM) \left(4 D^2 \frac{dh}{dEn} \frac{dv}{dEn} + v \sin(y) \frac{dD}{dEn} \right) + D \cos^2(y) (g(h + rM) - v^2) \right) + 2 D^2 v (h + rM) \left(\frac{dh}{dEn} \right)^2 \rho''(h) \right) + \right. \\ & \left. \left. 4 \rho(h) \left((h + rM) \left(D^2 \frac{dv}{dEn} \left(v \frac{dv}{dEn} - 1 \right) - g \sin(y) \left(v \frac{dD}{dEn} + D \frac{dv}{dEn} \right) \right) + D g \cos^2(y) (v^2 - g(h + rM)) \right) \right) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{L}{D} \cos \beta \quad \text{State dependent control transformation!}$$



Drag Tracking Law

Bijective transformation $T_E: [r, v, y] \rightarrow [D, \dot{D}, E]$ (*Drag – Energy Space*)

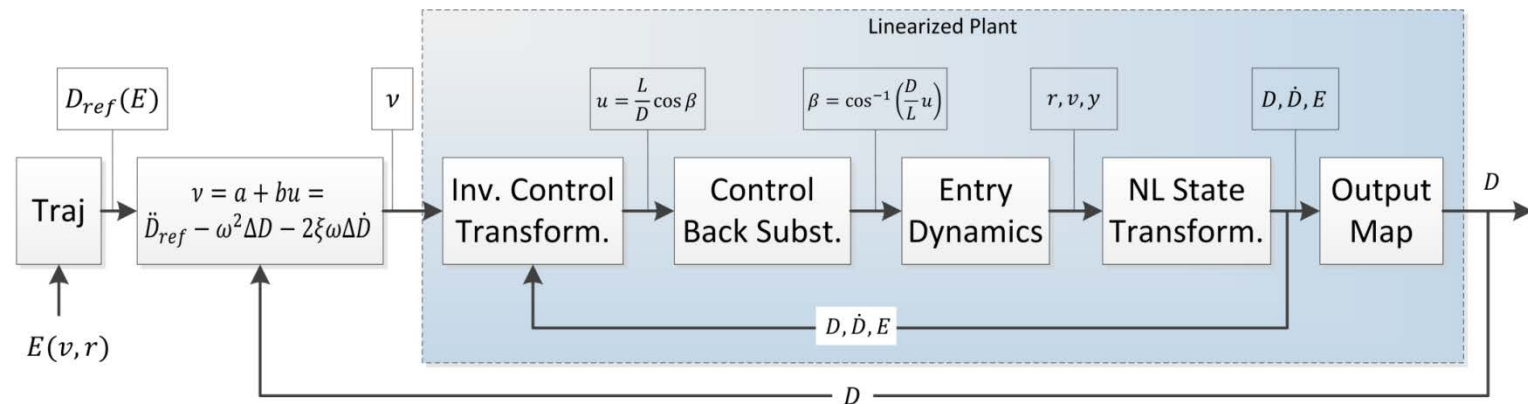
System order: 2

Output relative degree: 2 → No internal dynamics!

Linearized plant should have error dynamics of 2nd order linear system.

Obtain control law:

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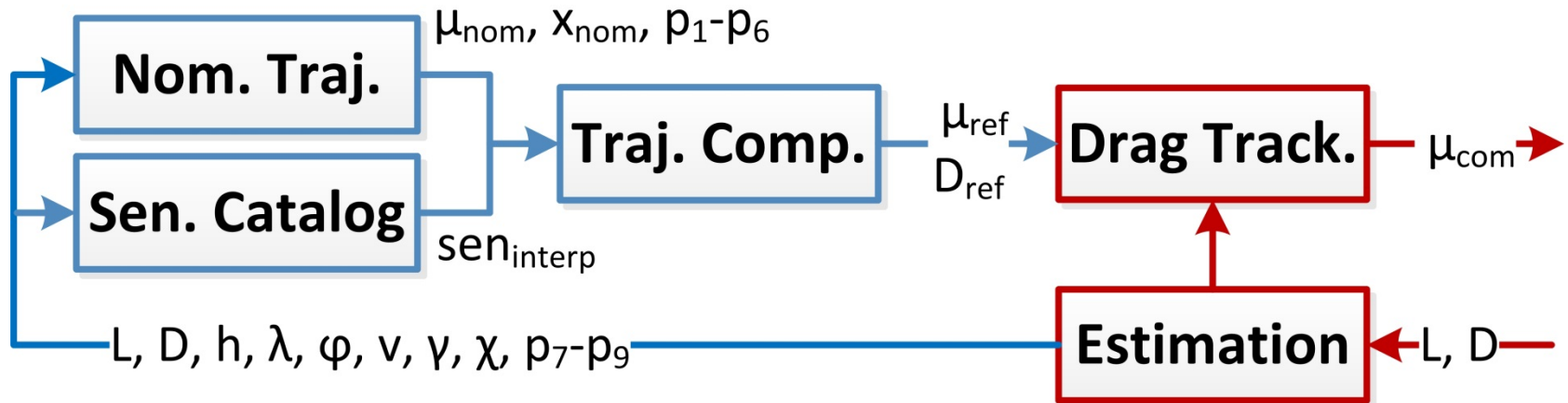
Two-Degree of Freedom Guidance System



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Guidance System Overview



- Two-degree-of-freedom design
 - Fast inner tracking loop (20 Hz)
 - Slow outer trajectory loop (0.05 Hz)
- Trajectory computation outputs
 - near optimal discrete u^*, x^* for the entire remaining process
 - optimal bank angle profile μ_{ref} and drag profile D_{ref} obtained from u^*, x^*
- Drag tracking controller based on Mease et. al.



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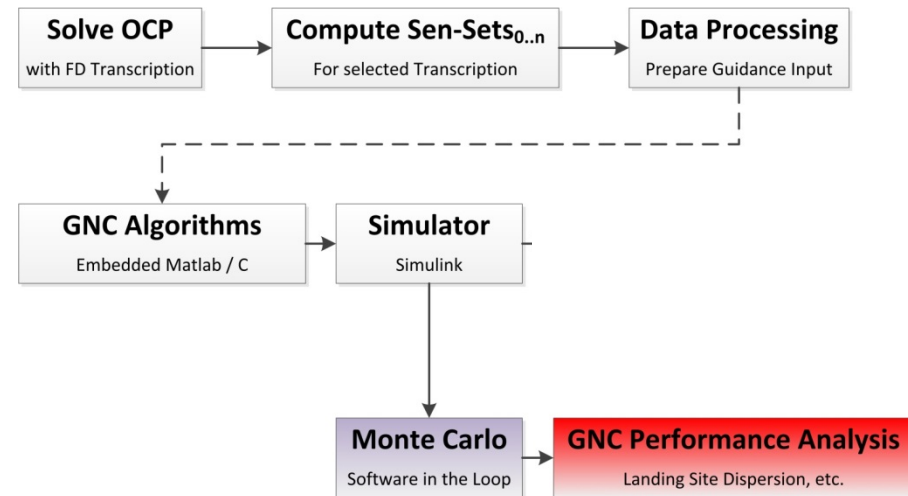
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- Large EIP state errors
(uniform error distribution)

State	Pert.
h_0	+/- 3 km
λ_0	+/- 0.3265°
φ_0	+/- 0.1632°
v_0	+/- 200 m/s
γ_0	+/- 1°
χ_0	+/- 1°



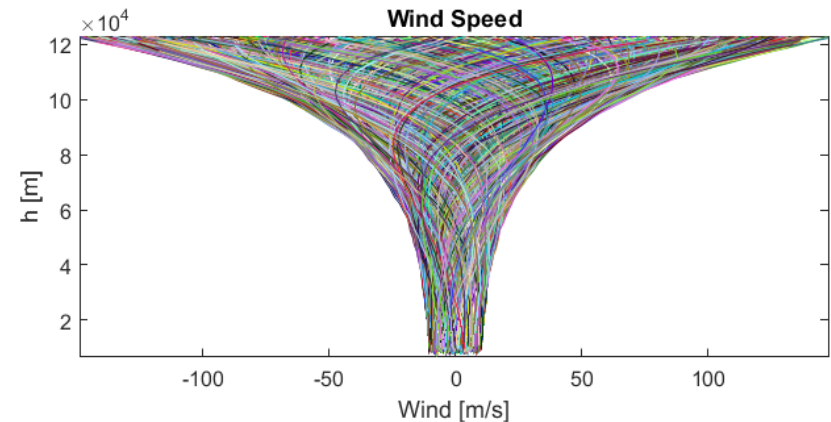
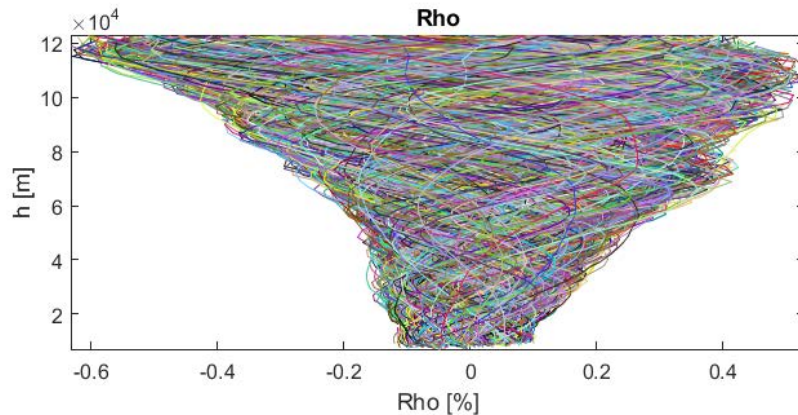
- Guidance input
 - true state, lift and drag falsified with white noise
 - Perturbation parameters are estimated using an extended Kalman filter



Monte Carlo Campaign: Perturbed Environment

- Atmosphere perturbations
 - Random temperature profile between warm and cold conditions
 - Random sinusoidal density perturbations of up to 50% amplitude
- Aerodynamic coefficients perturbed by up to 10%

Param	Pert.
ρ	Temp. +- 50%
c_L	+ - 10 %
c_D	+ - 10 %
wind	+ - 200 m/s
mass	+ - 20 kg



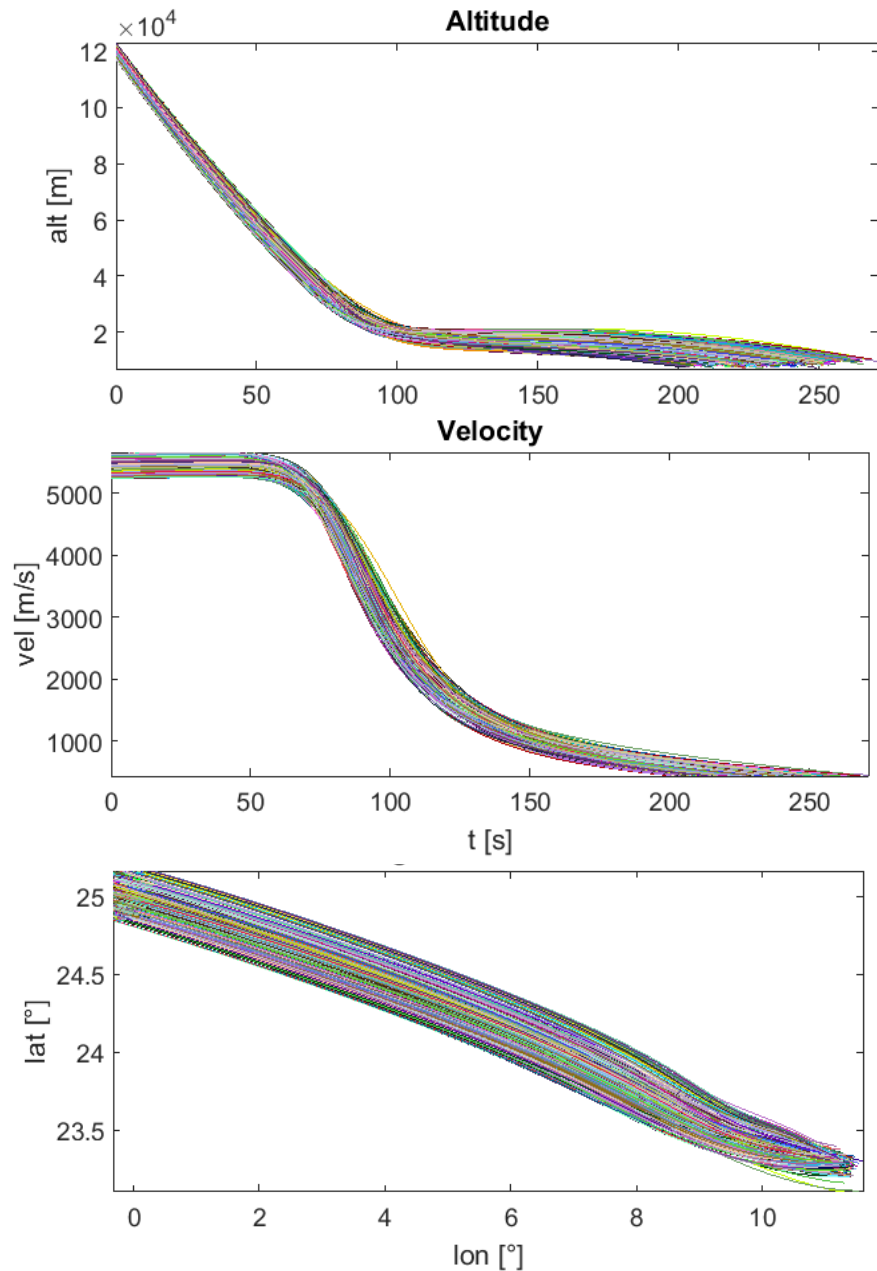
Monte Carlo Campaign: Results

$(|\mu| + 3\sigma)$ hori. dist.: **12.3 km**

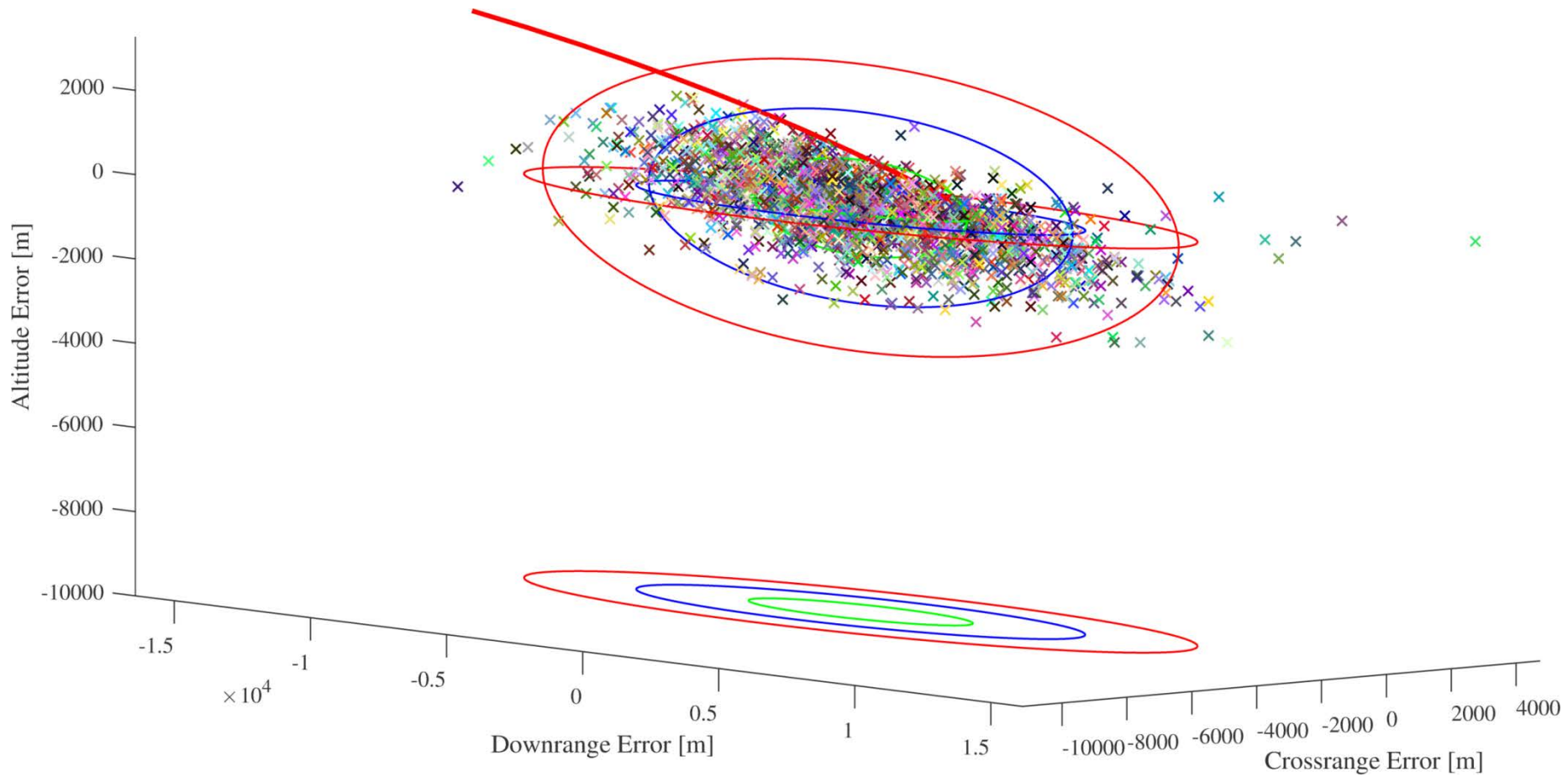
$(|\mu| + 3\sigma)$ alt. error: **2.4 km**

(3.5 DoF, 2500 MC cases)

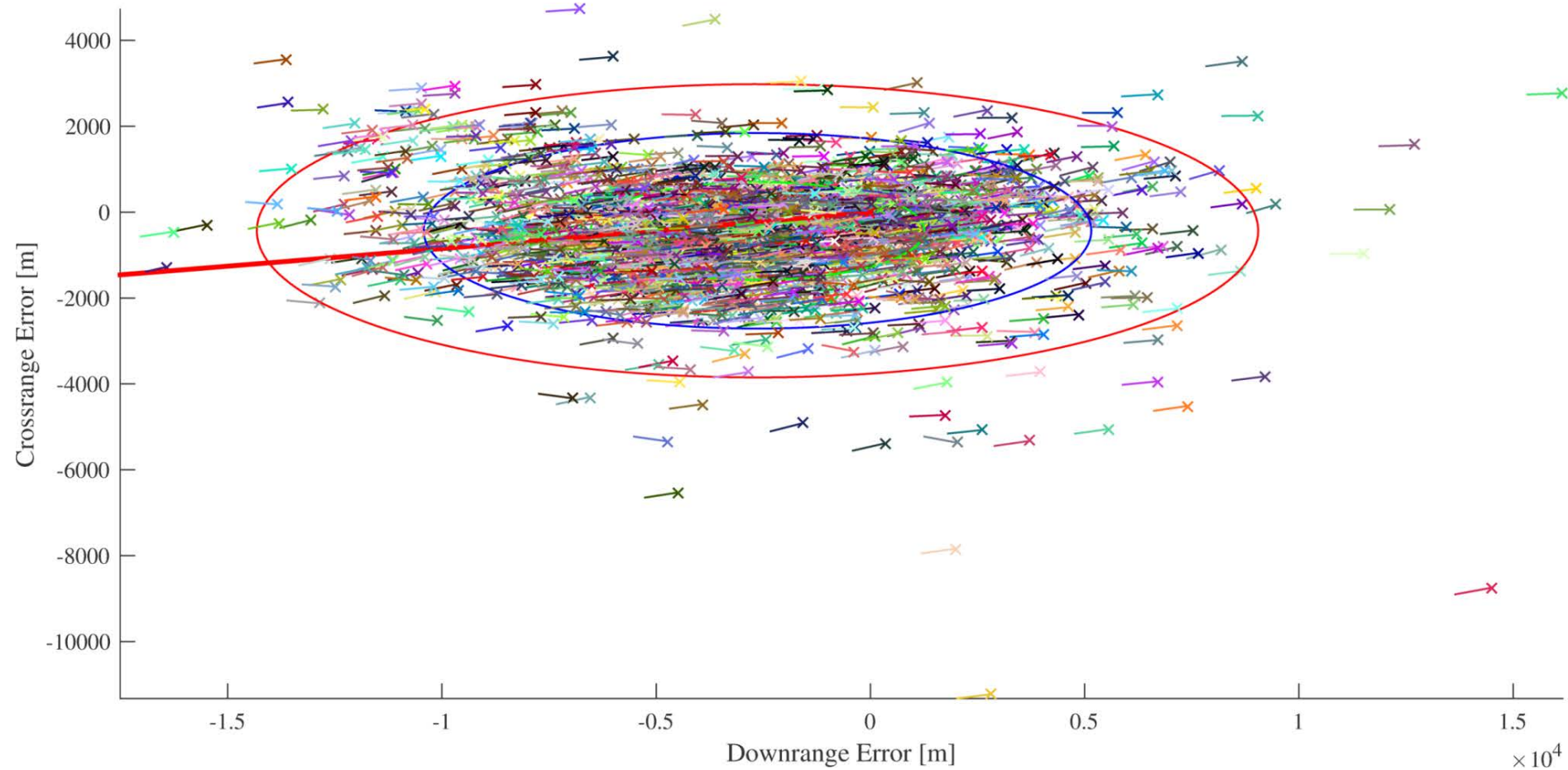
Result	Mean (μ)	Std. Dev. (σ)
Eucl. dist.	4.1 km	2.6 km
Hori. dist.	4 km	2.7 km
DR error	- 2.6 km	3.8 km
CR error	- 0.4 km	1.1 km
Alt. error	- 0.4 km	0.7 km
Vel. error	4 m/s	6 m/s



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LEON2 Processor-in-the-Loop

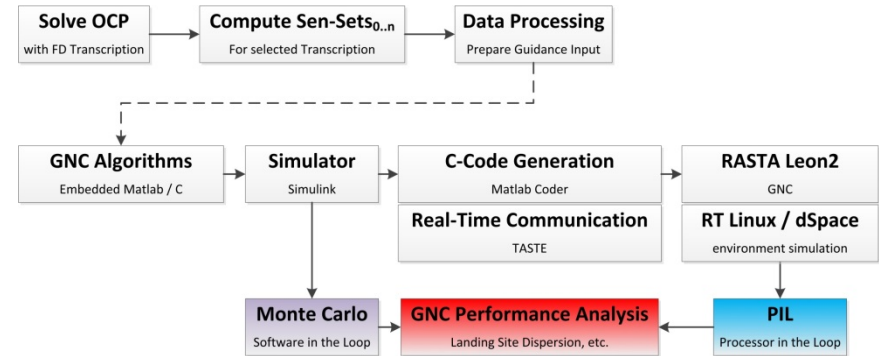


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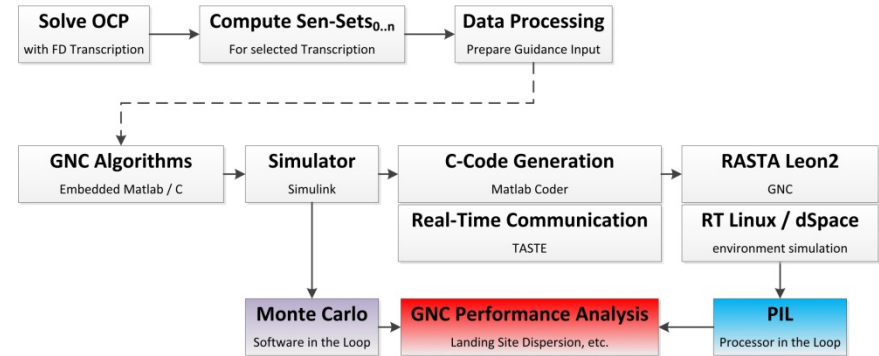
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Trajectory computation time: **< 1 sec.**



Developed Software Tools



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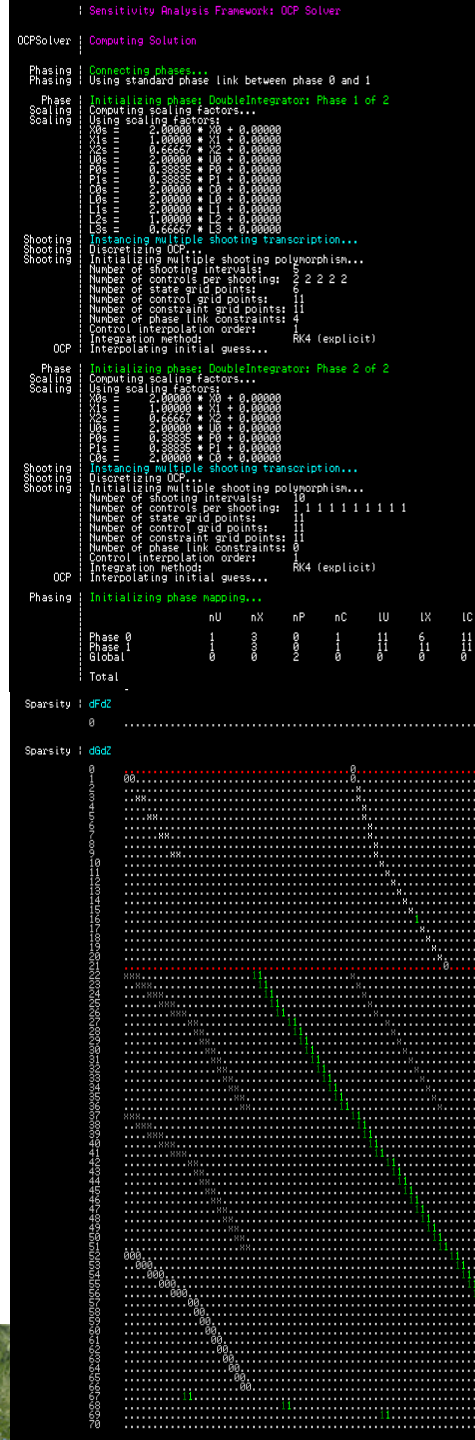
Sensitivity Analysis Framework (SAF)

Software tools to enable or support:

- Transcription of the OCP(p) into a NLP(p)
- Solution of multiphase OCP(p) (WORHP, IPOPT)
- High precision derivative computation (ADOL-C)
- Analysis, visualization and processing of the optimal solution and the sensitivity differentials
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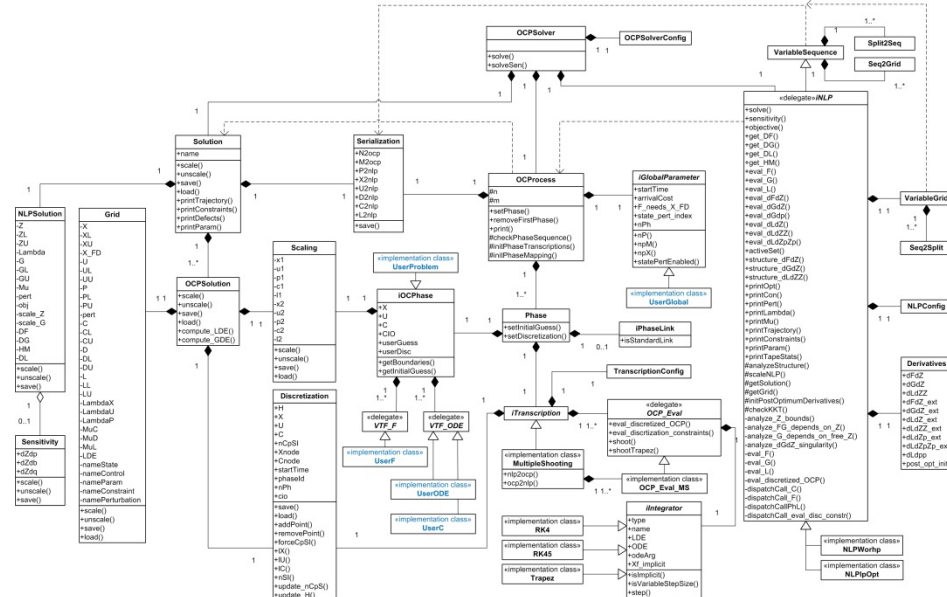
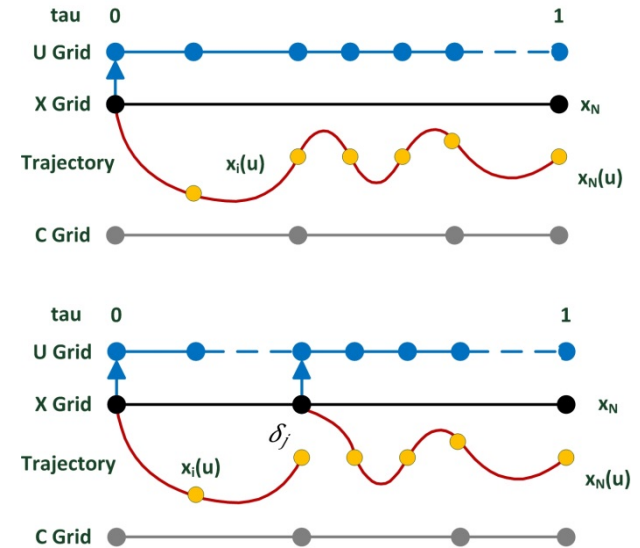
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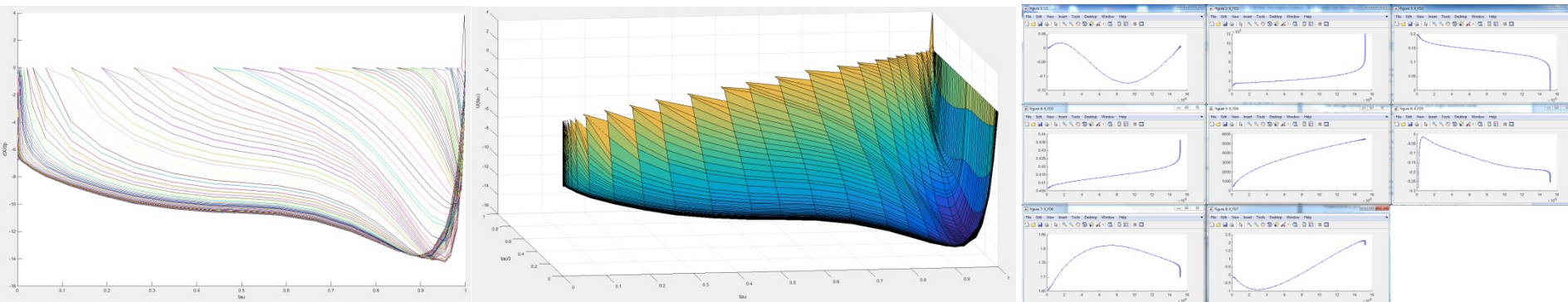
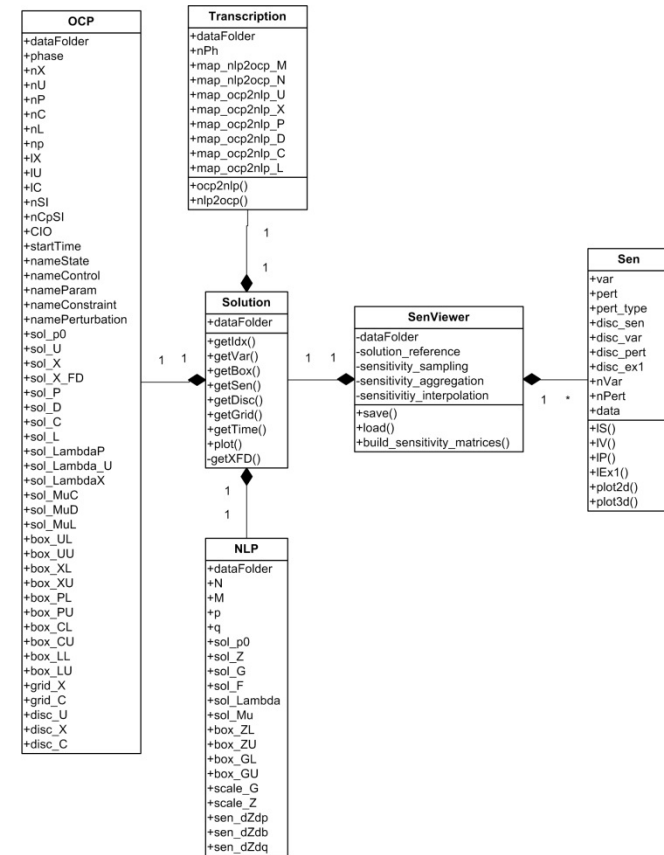
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- Enables parametric sensitivity computation using WORHP
- Generic multiple shooting transcription
- Automatic grid adaption
- Automatic problem scaling
- Generic interface is adaptable to most NLP solvers (interfaces existing for WORHP and IPOPT)



Sensitivity Analysis Toolbox

- Modular, object oriented design
- No commercial software quality, but
- Fairly tested and documented R&D tools for expert users
- User manual and architectural design guide provided



Summary and Outlook



Knowledge for Tomorrow



Summary

- Sensitivity analysis of discretized optimal control process
- Parametrization of dynamic model and initial conditions
- Repeated online trajectory computation
 - Parametric sensitivities + interpolation
 - Taylor expansion and iterative constraint correction
- Two degree of freedom guidance system
 - PSA real-time iteration
 - Drag tracking
- Promising results in 3.5 DoF Monte Carlo campaign
- Real-time capability proven by PIL test on LEON2 processor



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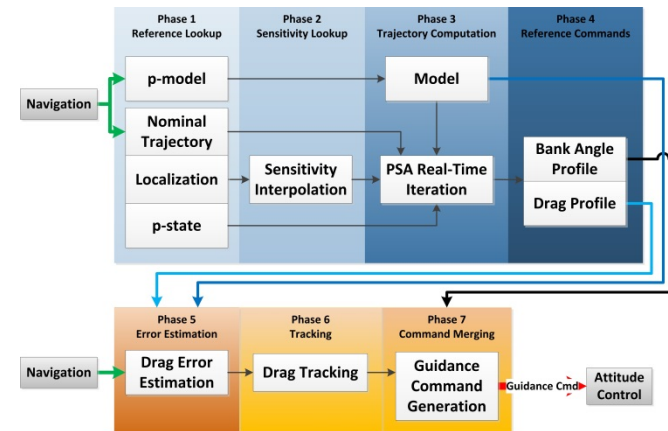
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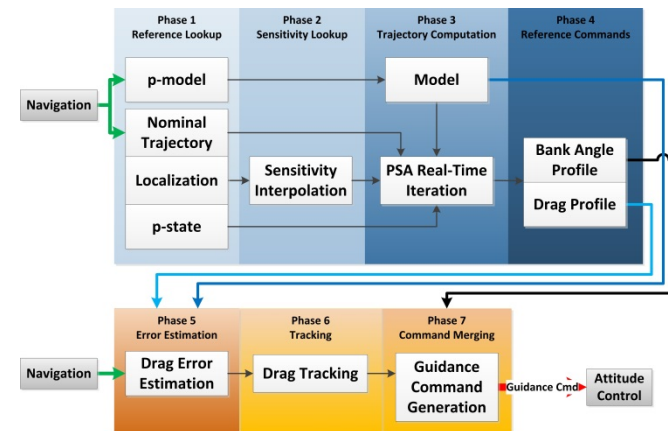
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What could be done next?

- ☐ Embedded NLP solver is critical enabling technology
- ☐ NLP solver as FPGA?
- ☐ Hybrid: Online optimization and sensitivity computation + PSA update



Thank you for your attention!

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